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2023 Planning Board Year in Review

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Planning Board reviewed and approved a number of projects this year through site plan review, groundwater protection district special permits, parking special permits, definitive subdivisions, and other required permits.

Progress was limited a few times throughout the year due to a lack of required number of board members present at the meetings. Without enough board members, the board couldn't vote on projects involving special permits, and instead these projects had to be continued. This was the case in January, March, and July.

The plans for 40-50 Fordham Road were approved in January, with conditions accepted as drafted, for site plan review and stormwater management permit. The board also approved the antenna changes at 625 Main St. and 377 Ballardvale St. but continued that of 26 Upton Drive at that time.

Traffic peer reviews held up the Cross Street site plan review and number of special permits and the site plan, stormwater management, and groundwater protection district special permit for 208 Main St. The public hearings for 6 Upton Drive and 800 Salem St. were also continued through discussion.

Draft decisions were accepted at 99 Fordham Road for site plan review and parking relief special permit in February along with 38 Upton Drive's sign special permit. The board also endorsed the plans for 41 Westdale Ave., 353 Middlesex Ave., and 40-50 Fordham Road that night and approved a site plan review waiver for 65 Industrial Way.

They continued projects at 6 Tobin Drive, 885 and 889 Woburn St., 208 Main St., 800 Salem St., 326 Ballardvale St., 90 Eames St., 26 Upton Drive, 30 Upton Drive, 38 Upton Drive, and 203 Lowell St. at the same meeting.

A subdivision on Tobin Drive was approved in March. The board also approved site plan review waivers for 844 Woburn St. and 269 Main St. that month and endorsed site plans for 377 Ballardvale St. and 625 Main St. The rest of the ongoing projects continued in February were continued again that night.

The board received a request to reconsider a Board of Appeals case regarding 12 Polk St. but told the applicant they saw no reason to reconsider. The same applicant proposed a Town Meeting article which the board met again to consider regarding the sale of town-owned land on Polk Street.

The board's vote in this matter was not to sell the land to the applicant even if it was deemed surplus, which approving members explained was because the proposed use couldn't satisfy the town's requirements.

The proposal for a site plan review and stormwater management permit for 230, 234, and 240 Ballardvale St. which was continued through February and March and received approval in May. The plans for 203 Lowell St. were endorsed that month, as well for site plan review and multi-family special permit.

Meanwhile, the proposed projects at 885 and 889 Woburn St., 208 Main St., 773 Salem St., 26 Upton Drive, and 100-110 Fordham Road were continued.

The board also reviewed the Zoning Board of Appeals case for 4 Foley Farm Road but recommended disapproval due to a lack of hardship displayed.

Initial plans were discussed at the May meeting regarding the multi-family as of right district to be created per the HLC guidelines, in particular relative to incorporating existing multi-family developments and a commercial requirement.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich slowly developed the plan through the feedback of the board and the town, proposing areas before the board in October and presenting survey feedback the month before. In November, Gingrich prepared the plan for the state to review.

The board would accept draft decisions for 26 Upton Drive in July. They approved a site plan review waiver for 155 West St. and continued projects at 208 Main St., 90 Eames St., 100-110 Fordham Road, 15 Nickerson Ave., 12 Industrial Way, 200 Ballardvale St., and 708R Woburn St.

The proposal for 190 Main St. emerged in July and was continued through October, at which point it was withdrawn. The board recommended against the 1 St. Paul St. ZBA case again due to lack of hardship demonstrated.

Draft decisions were accepted in August for 190, 200, and 255 Ballardvale St.; 15 Nickerson Ave.; 12 Industrial Way; and 100-110 Fordham Road. Changes were made for 203 Lowell St., 708R Woburn St. and 208 Main St., although further updates were required.

Draft decisions were accepted for 203 Lowell St. in September, but these other two projects were continued.

An 81G form for Lee Avenue came up starting in August, and stormwater discussions ensued for

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Wilmington DPW ready for upcoming winter season

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As the month of January unfolds, the Wilmington DPW is taking the proper steps to ensure the safest possible road conditions for the Town of Wilmington for the upcoming 2024 winter season.

According to Wilmington Public Works Director Jamie Magaldi, the Town of Wilmington has been able to secure the proper amount of snow plow contractors by keeping competitive pay rates.

This season the town was able to secure 35+ contractors to help keep the roads of Wilmington clear from snow, and the town is fully stocked with salt for any impending ice and snow situation.

With regards to a possible storm predicted for later this week, Magaldi stated, "We are ready for any upcoming plowable snow we may get this weekend."

Crews will make every effort to keep major roadways clear of ice and snow during a snow event, with the clearing of secondary roadways occurring as soon as possible.

Magaldi wishes to remind the public that there are many ways they can help the DPW during a major snow storm event.

Avoid driving during a snowstorm and adhere to the winter parking ban so that DPW crews can safely clear the roadways.

The winter parking ban in Wilmington is in effect from Dec. 1 through April 1, banning parking on any street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Failure to comply with the parking ban can result in a ticket from the Wilmington Police Department and/or vehicle removal at the owner's expense.

Because of the large volume of neighborhood fire hydrants, it may take DPW crews several days or weeks to clear out fire hydrants, especially during back to back snow falls.

To ensure the safety of your neighborhood and to assist local firefighters, the DPW is asking for your help in keeping hydrants and catch basins clear during the winter months.

Remember trash bins and recycling bins should only be put out on scheduled trash pick up days, and bins should not be placed directly in the street.

When clearing your own driveway, Magaldi wants to remind the public that every effort is made to minimize the amount of snow left at the end of private driveways. However, it is unavoidable that excess plowed snow blockage will occur to some degree, especially when plows are widening snow gutter lines at the end of a snow event.

The DPW asks for your patience and understanding in this matter, and suggests waiting until snow gutter lines have been plowed before clearing your driveway from snow.

Lastly, keep children and pets at play away from streets and sidewalks during low visibility such as heavy snowfall times or after dark. Also avoid traveling by foot during a snowstorm or just after a snow event when plows are still out clearing the roads.

Although the DPW does clear sidewalks along central routes, homeowners are asked to clear sidewalks in front of their property to ensure public safety.

Winter sand is available for residential use only at the town Salt Shed located off of Federal Street.

For more snow removal and snow emergency information, visit the town website at *www.wilmingonma.gov*.

2023 Select Board Year in Review

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board spent their meetings in 2023 discussing the town and project construction budgets and funds, the Olin Superfund Site and other chemical issues, matters of economic development and recreation, Eagle Scout projects honoring veterans, and more.

This year brought big changes for the board, the first being that the seat left vacant by previous Chair Judy O'Connell was filled by Frank West. As a result of this, they reorganized and assigned new members to a few of their committees. Select Board member Gary DePalma was also reelected and would soon become the chair.

Later in the year, they approved the creation of a new subcommittee to repurpose vacant buildings in town.

Over the summer, the board would learn of Town Manager Jeff Hull's intention to retire at the end of October. One other change that took place starting this past summer was that the board moved all of their legal services to KP|Law.

As early as January, the board began preparing for the annual Town Meeting in May. They received then Town Manager Jeff Hull's budget presentation in January, though they wouldn't review the Town Meeting warrant until March or assign motions to respective board members until April.

Beyond Town Meeting, the board heard presentations in the beginning of the year with a room named at the library in honor of retiring Director Christina Stewart in January and plans for the 4th of July festivities approved in February. They would go on to approve the Memorial Day Parade and farmers market in March, the new Fall Fest event in September, the tree lighting in October, the Santa Parade in November, and many requests to use the municipal parking

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2023 School Committee Year in Review

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In 2023, the School Committee approved changes to school start times, school programs, key documents such as the 2023/2024 calendar and district strategic plan, along with the updating of their policies, acceptance of grants, and approval of school field trips.

They received presentations from school councils, principals, and various departments like athletics and student support services regularly.

The new Wildwood school and program was a focus for the entire year, with the design services contract signed in April and interim solution proposed and later constructed at the middle school. As the MSBA process continued, the town considered the possibility but ultimately decided against using this project to create a school to replace all six elementary schools in town after meeting in May.

They determined that a pre-kindergarten through grade 4 configuration was not desired but identified support for a similar school to the one to be created including the Wildwood on the west side of town.

It was in the fall that the educational visioning process ensued led by Dore + Whittier, followed by visits to nearby recently built schools. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand also presented the thinking behind the programming for the new Wildwood School in December, where he established their intentions to continue operating their current programs, add science and technology space, separate space between pre-kindergarten through grade two with grades three through five, bring back all-day pre-kindergarten, and create dedicated space for special education.

School improvement plans were received from the various school Parent Advisory Councils beginning in January with the middle

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Wilmington Library News:

Craft and chat on Wednesday, Jan. 10

◀ Register for library Craft and Chat sessions! Craft and Chat meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Each meeting has a featured craft, and all supplies are provided.
(Courtesy photo)

Adult Programs

BB King — From Indianola to Icon

Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Join Charlie Sawyer, author of BB King: From Indianola to icon, as he talks about the King of the Blues. Some of his photos of BB and other blues artists will be on display in the Stewart Room and he'll talk about them, too.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 12 p.m.

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! January's featured cookbook is The Global Pantry Cookbook by Ann Taylor Pittman and Scott Mowbray.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Preparing and Completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m.

Prepare to complete the 2024 FAFSA with Tom O'Hare, Instructor at Pivotal College Years. The 2024 FAFSA will be available to fill out by Dec. 31, 2023. The workshop is offered for parents of high school sophomores, juniors, and all considering how to reach their educational goals. The more you know, the better prepared you'll be.

The 5 Keys to Creating a Simplified Life

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.

In this interactive workshop we'll explore the many ways clutter impacts all aspects of our lives (there are so many more than you think), discuss 5 simple steps you can take now to start your simplifying journey and consider an action plan to make it a reality. When we choose to live a life intentionally with less (in our surroundings, our schedules, our perceptions...) we're able to welcome in a life of more simplicity & ease. Are you ready to break free and start Living The Simplified Life?

Craft and Chat

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All craft supplies provided. January's featured craft is a Snowflake Vase.

Coffeehouse Concert Series: Kat & Brad

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Come in from the cold for our first Coffeehouse Concert of the New Year! We will be transforming the Stewart Room into a cozy music venue. Drawing from 50s and 60s pop, American Songbook standards, Brad Bensko on vocals and guitar and Kathleen Parks on vocals and five string fiddle bring you a mixture of original songs and dusted off covers from the past.

Needleworkers

Friday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m.

The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.

Join us for our indoor Preschool Storytimes! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open 2 weeks in advance. Ages 3-6

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m.

Join us for our indoor Time for Twos! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open 2 weeks in advance. Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

Join us for our indoor Baby Time! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open 2 weeks in advance. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon: Yarn Wrapped Letters

Thursday, Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.

Make colorful decor with us by wrapping your initials in yarn! Grades 4-8

Music with Dara

Friday, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m.

With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/simple instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN! Ages 2-5

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours

The Book Store Next Door will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be closed on Wednesdays in January and February. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

THE WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT HELPS BUSINESSES THAT HIRE FROM ELIGIBLE GROUPS

Finding work can be hard for anybody; certain groups face even bigger challenges. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit is extended through the end of 2025 to help employers that hire workers certified as members of these groups that face barriers to employment: people who receive long-term family assistance; long-term unemployment; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; Supplemental Security Income; and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Other groups eligible for the tax credit include formerly incarcerated individuals; qualified veterans, including disabled veterans; designated community residents living in Empowerment Zones or Rural Renewal Counties; people referred to vocational rehabilitation programs; and summer youth employees living in Empowerment Zones.

To claim the credit, an employer must first get certification that an individual is eligible. To do this, the employer submits IRS Form 8850, Pre-screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit, to their state workforce agency (NOT to the IRS) within 28 days after the eligible worker begins work.

Eligible businesses claim the Work Opportunity Tax Credit on their federal income tax return. It's generally based on wages paid to eligible workers during the first year of employment. After the employer receives the Form 8850 certification from the state workforce agency, they can figure the credit with Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit, then claim it on Form 3800, General Business Credit.

Limitations on the credits: For a taxable business, the credit is limited to the business' income tax liability. Unused credit is subject to the normal carry-back and carry-forward rules.

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV.

HAPPY NEW YEAR WILMINGTON!

WCTV would like to wish you, your family and friends a very happy and prosperous new year. We have so many wonderful things planned for the coming year and we'll be sure to update you as they occur. In the meantime, if you'd like to take a tour of WCTV, become a member, start your own TV show or podcast, become a sponsor or board member of WCTV, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at: *info@wctv.org*. And as always, keep watching!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Where's Wilmington Episode #181

On this episode of Where's Wilmington, host Lisa Kapala-Egan talks with Fourth of July Committee Chairman, Patrick Giroux. Patrick talks about how he became the chairman, his love for Wilmington and shares ideas for expanding events in the community as well as what it takes to make these town events so successful.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington

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Office hours by appointment: (978) 657-4066.

Questions about WCTV? Contact: *info@wctv.org*.

Lifestyle

New year, new exhibits: VISIT THE MFA

▲ 'La Carmencita' was Spanish dancer — this was the dress she wore to be painted by Sargent. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

Whether your New Year's resolution is to take in more culture or explore new places in the area, why not visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston?

It's a great time to explore the MFA's new special exhibit, "Fashioned By Sargent," running through Jan. 15. The exhibit includes dozens of John Singer Sargent's turn-of-the-century portraits alongside many of the actual dresses that were worn by Sargent's subjects.

The exhibit invited visitors to consider how Sargent used fashion to tell certain stories about his sitters, playing with class, identity, nationalities, and social commentary.

The exhibit is great for visitors of all ages, and includes some of Sargent's most well-known works, including "Dr. Pozzi at Home," "Lady Agnew of Lochnaw," and "Madame X."

Explore the stories, controversies, and lore behind Sargent's works, and understand how his styling choices created great charismatic works.

Also not to be missed is "Tiny Treasures: The Magic of Miniatures," running through Feb. 11. The exhibit takes visitors through the history of small-scale art, from thousands of years ago to modern technology. Marvel at the craftsmanship and effort of creating intricate yet miniscule art, and understand the role miniatures have played in religion, commerce, and society, from an Ancient Egyptian amulet to a tiny Picasso painting to a Japanese carved clamshell.

All your museum favorites are still waiting for you: the mummies of Egypt lie in their sarcophagi, the grand Art of Europe hall towers with hunting art, and the cloud of styrofoam cups glows in the contemporary art wing.

The recently renovated Dutch and Flemish galleries bring visitors into the worlds of some of the masters, and just down the hall, the Impressionists are brighter than ever, presenting Monet's water lilies and delicate pointillist paintings.

A perk for Merrimack Valley residents is the museum pass program. Library card holders at Tewksbury Public Library and Wilmington Memorial Library can sign up to reserve a museum pass, sponsored by the Friends of TPL and Wilmington community groups.

Passes can be reserved online 30 days in advance, and the MFA pass can be printed from your home computer. If the pass you want is reserved or unavailable on the day you want to visit, you can check other MVLC libraries.

The museum pass offers an unbeatable discount. Typical admission is $27 for adults and $10 for youth, and the price goes up to $34 for special exhibits. With the museum pass, two adults and up to four youths can enjoy general admission and special exhibits for $10 each. Upon reserving the pass, purchase tickets on the museum website using the discount code.

Admission is free to Massachusetts residents on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and other discounts are available to active duty military and veterans, K-12 teachers, Bank of America cardholders, and more.

"Fashioned by Sargent" is running through Jan. 15, 2024 in the Gund Gallery at the Museum of Fine Arts. Visit *mfa.org* to book a timed-entry ticket and make sure to check your local library ahead of time to reserve a discounted museum pass.

◀ John Singer Sargent's 'Madame X' caused a stir at its original exhibition, causing the artist to repaint the lady's dress straps. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

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To all persons whose personal information was impacted by a cybersecurity incident that Neuro Rehab Associates initially disclosed on or around August 2022, a proposed class action settlement may affect your rights.

Why am I receiving this notice? You are receiving this Notice because the records of Neuro Rehab Associates, Inc. ("Neuro Rehab") show that your personal information may have been impacted as a result of a cybersecurity incident that Neuro Rehab initially disclosed on or around August 2022 ("Security Incident"). You are therefore likely a Settlement Class Member eligible to receive benefits under this Settlement.

What are the Settlement Benefits? Under the Settlement, Neuro Rehab will pay up to $850,000 for valid and timely claims for Extraordinary Losses, Out-of-Pocket Losses, Lost Time, and Alternative Cash Payments, summarized below:

- Extraordinary Loss Claims – Up to a total of $4,000 per claimant.
- Out-of-Pocket Loss Claims – Up to a total of $250 per claimant.
- Lost Time Claim - $25 per hour for up to 4 hours (for a total of $100, subject to the $250 cap for Out-of-Pocket Losses).
- Alternative Cash Payment – In the alternative to the above, $25 per claimant.

Settlement Class Members also can obtain credit monitoring services under the Settlement.

How do I Submit a Claim Form for Benefits? You must submit a Claim Form, available at www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com to be eligible to receive a Settlement benefit. Your completed Claim Form must be **submitted online, or mailed to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked, by April 2, 2023.**

What are my other options? If you **Do Nothing**, you will be legally bound by the terms of the Settlement, and you will release your claims against Neuro Rehab and other Released Parties as defined in the Settlement Agreement. You may **Opt-Out** of or **Object** to the Settlement by **March 4, 2023**. Please visit www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com for more information on how to **Opt-Out** and exclude yourself from or Object to the Settlement.

Do I have a Lawyer in this Case? Yes, the Court appointed the law firms of Turke & Strauss LLP, Morgan & Morgan, and Bailey & Glasser LLP to represent members of the Settlement Class. For litigating the case and negotiating the Settlement, Class Counsel will file a motion seeking Court approval for the payment of their attorneys' fees and costs in an amount no greater than $475,000 for attorneys' fees and costs. You will not be charged directly for these lawyers; instead, they will receive compensation from Neuro Rehab (subject to Court approval). If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

The Court's Final Approval Hearing. The Court is scheduled to hold a Final Approval Hearing on April 5, 2024, to consider whether to approve the Settlement, service awards for the Class Representatives of $2,500 each ($5,000 total), and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses for Settlement Class Counsel. You may appear at the hearing, either yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you don't have to.

This notice is only a summary For more information, visit www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com or call toll-free 1-888-836-5886.

OPINION

Upcoming local events

Jan. 8 and 16, 7 p.m., Open rehearsals for Ipswich River Community Chorus, Union Congregational Church 148 Haverhill St. North Reading. No auditions are necessary. Adults and experienced teens welcome. Eager to include male voices. Our spring concert will be presented on April 27 and 28, 2024 performing songs from the Beatles, Joni Mitchell and "Rent" among others. *IpswichRiverCommunityChorus.org* or *Facebook.com/IpswichRiverChorus* or at *IpswichRiverCommunityChorus@gmail.com.*

Jan. 13, Book Donation Drive, Friends of the Tewksbury Library, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. No textbooks, encyclopedias or dictionaries

Jan. 25, Winter Indoor Community Market, Tewksbury Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy this indoor version of the outdoor summer community market. Food trucks.

Feb. 9, Steve Bjork & Tony V, Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy/Wilmington Band Parents Annual Comedy Night, Moose Hall, North Reading, $20 pp, cash bar, BYO snacks, doors open 7:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Contact Kevin Caira at 978-657-7734

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for tours and shopping. Check website for tour times. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Wednesdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St, North Billerica, **Saturdays**, 12 - 4 p.m. *middlesexcanal.org*

Tewksbury Police Dept. completes International Association of Chiefs of Police Trust Building Campaign

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus is proud to share that the Tewksbury Police Department is one of just 11 police departments nationwide to complete the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Trust Building Campaign.

The IACP's Trust Building Campaign includes a pledge to implement 25 key policies and leading practices within a 36-month period in order to build trust and enhance collaboration between police and communities. Tewksbury Police completed the pledge in just seven weeks.

The IACP Trust Building Campaign seeks to enhance trust between police agencies and the communities they serve by ensuring positive community-police partnerships that promote safe, effective interactions; create strategies to prevent and reduce crime; and improve the well-being and quality of life for all.

As they completed the Trust Building Campaign pledge, the Tewksbury Police Department prioritized actions encouraging positive community-police partnerships within six focus areas: bias-free policing; use of force; leadership and culture; recruitment, hiring, and retention; victim services; and community relations.

Tewksbury Police also conducted a community survey to gauge the level of trust in police within the community, and will continue to conduct such surveys as they seek to improve survey results.

On the question of whether people in Tewksbury trust their police department, 58 percent of respondents said they trust Tewksbury Police to a great extent, while 23 percent said they trust Tewksbury Police a lot. Only six percent of respondents said they don't trust police at all. Over 80 percent of respondents said that Tewksbury Police treat people with respect and treat people fairly.

Respondents said drug abuse, traffic issues and burglaries were their biggest crime-related concerns in Tewksbury, and over 70 percent of respondents said Tewksbury Police are responsive to their concerns.

"Earning and maintaining the trust of our community is a top priority of the Tewksbury Police Department that affects our credibility, legitimacy, and ability to work within our community, so I could not be more proud that our department has achieved this goal. We know that trust is earned that we must strive for excellence with each interaction. Treating people fairly and with respect is one of our foundations," said Chief Columbus. "The Trust Building Campaign is a major milestone, and I want to congratulate all of our officers and staff who contributed to us reaching this goal."

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders. With more than 33,000 members in over 170 countries, the IACP is a recognized leader in global policing, committed to advancing safer communities through thoughtful, progressive police leadership.

In a world where information is spread so quickly, it is critical, now more than ever, that the community can put their trust into law enforcement to provide truth, transparency, and justice. Through the Trust Building Campaign, the IACP is committed to addressing these, and other issues, on a national and international level.

For more information about the Trust Building Campaign, visit the IACP's website at: *https://www.theiacp.org/iacp-trust-building-campaign.*

Flahive, Sullivan graduate from Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University awarded more than 400 graduate and undergraduate degrees during the winter ceremony of its 127th commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 22.

Receiving degrees were **Tewksbury** resident **Shannon Flahive**, MED, Curriculum and Teaching and **Wilmington** resident **Jocelyn Sullivan**, MED, Curriculum and Teaching.

The ceremony included speeches by undergraduate valedictorian Dylan J. Dandy of Leominster and Graduate Student Leadership Award recipient Maryanne Fiorino of Danvers.

Dandy graduated with a dual major in mathematics and chemistry. In his remarks, he thanked members of the faculty who had taken him under their wing and offered guidance and mentorship through his studies. He singled out Professor Gerald Higdon of the Mathematics Department for overseeing his capstone research project.

"Through him and my capstone project, my passion for mathematics truly began burning brighter than ever," Dandy said. "So, for all of that, and some directions for the future, I want to thank him and the other professors who got me to this point by pushing and believing in me. I hope that all of you have someone or something that can do that for you."

Dandy plans to pursue his PhD in mathematics.

Fiorino, a nurse for the past 27 years, completed a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in healthcare management.

"Leadership, as I've come to understand, is not confined to titles; it's a way of life. It's about guiding, supporting, and nurturing, even when the world sleeps," said Fiorino. "To all those facing challenges, remember, you can persevere. Keep pushing through, stay positive, and smile, even in the face of adversity. It's an integral part of life."

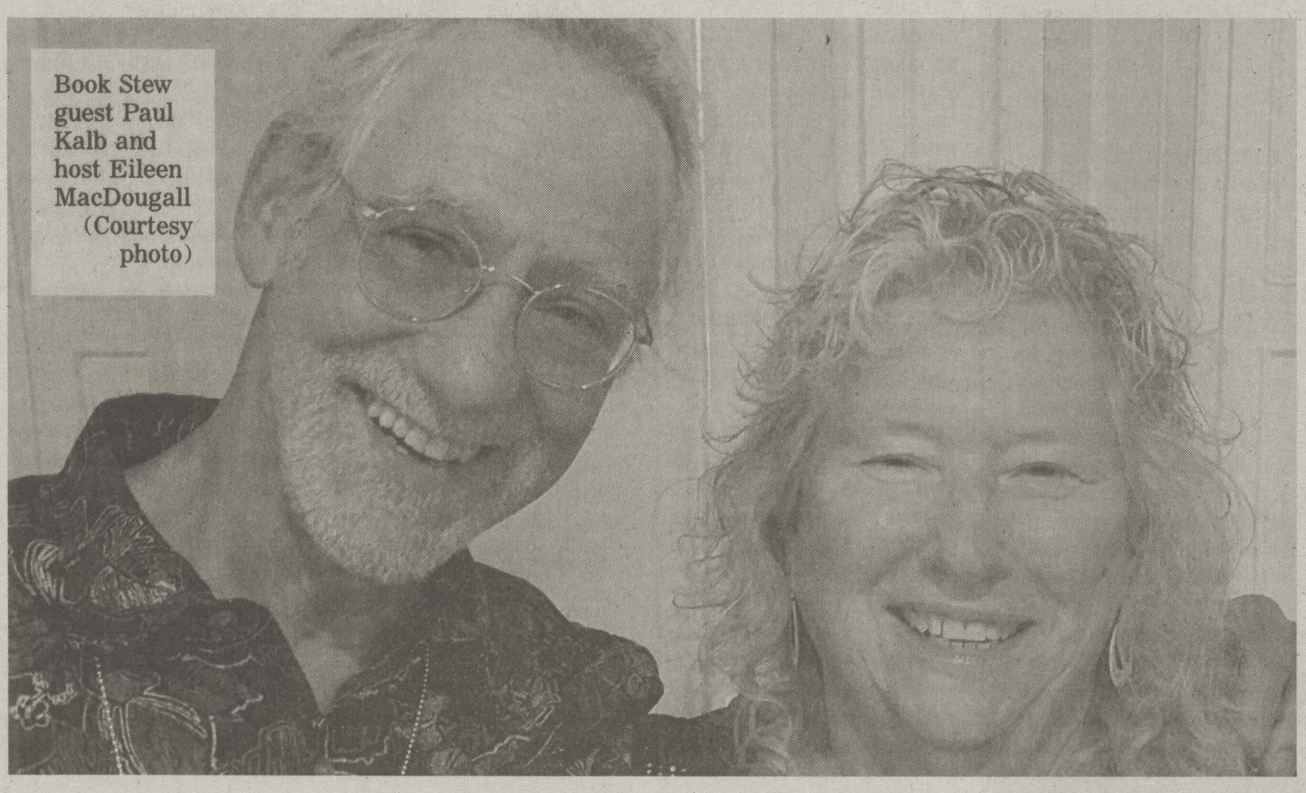
In his keynote remarks, Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus highlighted several graduating students for embodying the university's motto of perseverantia, meaning persistence. They included:

Nathacha Santiago-Prado of Leominster, who completed a bachelor's degree in education, and looks forward to being an inspiration to future students of color by showing them they can lead their own classrooms.

Mary Nankya, a native of Uganda who left her young family to pursue her dreams of an advanced education and build a better life for them. She completed a Master of Science in computer science.

Stephen Wells of Ayer, who completed a bachelor's degree in English Studies at the age of 70, overcoming serious illness to complete a long-held ambition. He plans to continues his studies in graduate school.

The ceremony also included the presentation of the Robert V. and Jeanne S. Antonucci Student Leadership Award to Christopher Shaddock of Ayer. A veteran and cancer survivor, Shaddock completed a degree in interdisciplinary studies and plans to continue his studies at the graduate level with an eye toward becoming a counselor.



Book Stew guest Paul Kalb and host Eileen MacDougall (Courtesy photo)

Enjoyable childhood, magical spot

The components of a happy childhood include a warm and loving family, economic security, and maybe even a gang of rowdy playmates and a beach at the end of your street!

Meet Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall's childhood friend, the scientist and author Paul Kalb, and his memoir "The Mystery Boy and Other Stories."

Paul and Eileen grew up in idyllic Long Beach, NY and swap stories of the Vietnam War protest days and of the lively concert scene in NYC in the '60s-70s (ticket prices = $4.50).

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand, via the links below:

YouTube video: *http://tinyurl.com/bookstew121-yt*

Soundcloud podcast: *http://tinyurl.com/bookstew121-soundcloud*

Annual town census underway in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — Town Clerk Denise Graffeo would like to remind residents about the importance of returning the annual town census form to the Town Clerk's Office, as soon as possible. Graffeo explains that a prompt and accurate census is very important. Your cooperation in returning the census as soon as possible will prevent the town from having to do another costly mailing.

If you are a new resident or if you do not receive a census form, please notify the Town Clerk's Office by phone at 978-640-4355 or by e-mail at *townclerk@tewksbury-ma.gov*

Tewksbury welcomes the community to visit the town clerk's page of its municipal website for more information relative to the annual town census and to find answers to FAQ's

- The Census provides information to assure that the town receives its' fair share of state and federal funds and grants.
- It is also used for calculating veterans' benefits, housing for the elderly and other related veterans' and elderly benefits.
- The census information serves to provide: proof of residency to protect voting rights and to maintain the voting list, preventing needless delays at your voting precinct. Any previously registered voter who has not returned their annual census for two consecutive years will be added to the inactive voters list and therefore, by law, will be required to fill out an affirmation of current and continuous residence form and provide identification to prove continuous residency in the Town of Tewksbury.
- The school census provides projection for future enrollments and related benefits which allows school administrators to apply for additional state and federal funds and grants.
- Allows college students to apply for lower tuition at all Massachusetts state colleges and provides proof of residence. By law the town can only certify that you live in Tewksbury if you are listed in the census records. Owning property is not used for proof of residency.
- For the convenience of dog owners, you will find a dog registration form attached to the bottom of the census form. By state law, all dogs six months of age or older must be registered.

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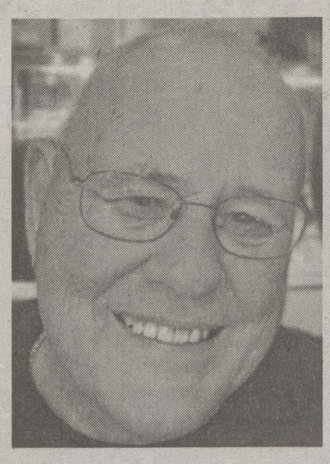
OBITUARY

Donald G. Day

Served four years in the US Navy



Donald G. Day of Tewksbury and Marco Island, FL, aged 74, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 27, 2023.

He was born in Montgomery, WV, on April 29, 1949, the son of the late Barbara (Nutter) and Gerald Day.

Don spent his early years living in Lunenburg before moving to Billerica late in his teen years, graduating from Billerica Memorial High School with the class of 1967. As a child he loved all sports, especially playing football and baseball.

Upon returning from four years of service in the United States Navy, he settled in Billerica with his first wife and two daughters and began a career in property management.

In July 1981, he met his true love and soulmate Maria Galluzzo, and they were married on Nov. 5, 1983. They settled in Woburn and lived there for almost 30 years, raising their three children. In those years, Don and Maria created a beautiful and loving home, working through numerous renovations and fanatically tending to their yard and garden. There wasn't a day that didn't start and end with a cup of coffee.

In his retirement years, Don followed the warm weather, enjoying the winter months in Marco Island with Maria and an abundance of friends. He loved spending days on the beach, Monday night Bingo, and the Friday Fish Fry at Residents' Beach.

With limited time in Tewksbury during the summer months, he kept busy tending to his vegetable garden and watching for hummingbirds. He was a loyal fan of all Boston sports, especially the Patriots and Celtics.

Don was diagnosed in 2016 with Inclusion Body Myositis, a condition causing muscle weakness and irreparable muscle damage. While this slowed him down a bit, it did not stop him and he could still be found supporting and cheering on his grandchildren at their many activities, and he was always the center of attention at a family gathering or party with friends.

In addition to his wife, Don is lovingly survived by his five children, Jennifer Couillard and her husband, Charles, of Tewksbury; Rebecca Carroll and her husband, Matthew, of Westford; Diana DeMonico and her husband, Christopher, of Sandown, NH; Dawn Cossette and her wife, Kaylie, of Tewksbury; and Christopher Day of Burlington.

He adored his 11 grandchildren, Christopher London; Allison and Gabrielle Couillard; Madelyn, Grace, Katie and Quinn Carroll; Caylee and Christopher DeMonico; Natalie Martin; and Nathan Day.

In addition, he was eagerly anticipating the April 2024 arrival of another grandson, Logan Cossette.

He leaves two sisters, Donna Brazas and her husband, Ken, of Canaan, NH, and Elida Day of Summerfield, FL; a brother-in-law, Peter Galluzzo, and his husband, Kevin Moriarty; as well as three nieces and a nephew.

He was blessed to be surrounded in love and will be greatly missed by so many others.

Friends and relatives were invited to calling hours on Tuesday, Jan. 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Carrier Family Funeral Home, 38 Range Road, Windham, NH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Don's memory to Myositis Support and Understanding at *www.understandingmyositis.org*. In the months and years following his diagnosis, Don found a great deal of support and compassion here, and he was able to connect with others living with this rare condition.

For directions or to send a message of condolence to the family, please visit *www.carrierfuneralhome.com*

2023 Board of Health Year in Review

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — In 2023, the Tewksbury Board of Health addressed several pressing public health issues in the community. Here are some of the highlights.

In January, the board discussed draft tobacco control regulations to be incorporated into the town's regulations to mirror the state statute updated in 2019. Tobacco agent Ron Beauregard offered recommendations on bringing the town's tobacco regulations in line with state rules, including updating the penalty structure for repeated violations.

February brought a presentation from the town's hoarding task force. Town nurse Ashley Pavlakos and Christina Hess, outreach coordinator for the Tewksbury Senior Center, presented slides as part of their discussion with the board regarding the topic. Tewksbury is part of a nine-community hoarding resource group. Help is available by reaching out to the Health Department.

In March, the town went live on OpenGov, a cloud-based permitting workflow allowing residents to apply and pay for permits online.

In April, the makeup of the board turned over in the only contested race of the annual town election. Member Charles Roux declined to run for reelection. Katlynn Bugda Gwilt defeated former board member George Ferdinand, with Bugda Gwilt receiving 565 votes while Ferdinand received 208 votes.

Over the summer, the board met to address repeated food code violations by Jade East at 433 Main St. The restaurant had been closed for several months due to "unsanitary conditions." The restaurant retained a food consultant and later received clearance from the health department to reopen.

The department also worked with Lisa's Pizza to reopen after renovations and food safety updates after being closed for health violations.

Chair Ray Barry raised the topic of creating two working groups: one for body art regulations and one for letter grade ratings for food establishments. Health Director Shannon Gillis expressed concern about the capacity of staff to fairly manage such a program.

September's meeting brought a hearing on a tobacco sale to minors violation that resulted in a $1,000 fine. Member Robert Scarano discussed the problem of youth smoking, stating it is a billion dollar industry and that smoking can be a gateway to lifelong addiction.

The board also addressed the resolution of an ongoing keeping of animals issues at 175 Kendall Road that resulted in the removal of several rabbits.

Later in the fall, public health nurse Ashley Pavlakos held several training courses for residents, including a youth mental health first aid course.

The department administered regular and high dose flu vaccines to residents and hosted the Dana Farber Mammography Van at the Senior Center.

Barry also returned to the topic of updating body art regulations, noting that skin training and hygiene practices should be reviewed as the state leaves regulations up to each municipality.

The board closed out the year by reviewing the 2024 permit fee schedule and making no changes. Fees are collected by the health department for permits and inspections for a variety of locations and reasons including food establishments, public swimming pools, hotels, wood boilers, body art practitioners, the keeping of certain animals, among other activities.

Ron Beauregard addressed the board regarding a potential cap on retail tobacco sales permits for retail tobacco stores. The cap would be for stores that sell tobacco only. Beauregard explained that preliminary numbers show Tewksbury has a slightly higher retail density of tobacco per 1,000 youth than surrounding communities.

Barry and member Bob Scarano both announced they will not be running for reelection in the spring. Residents interested in filling positions on the Board of Health can pull nomination papers at town hall starting on Jan. 2, 2024. Barry said no specific knowledge of public health is required.

The town election will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18, 2023. Residents may find the meeting agenda on the town website. The meeting may be viewed on Comcast channel 99 and Verizon channel 33.

Camplese completes intensive research project

WORCESTER — Ethan Camplese, resident of Tewksbury, a member of the class of 2025 majoring in Architectural Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Signage and Information System to Protect the Alpine Zone.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat — all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems.

Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world.

WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more.

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Explaining the trails

In 2023, Tewksbury's Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee continued installing interpretive signs for the town's conservation properties and trails. The panels include details about the plants, animals, and history of the properties. (Paige Impink photo)

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Notice of Community Outreach Meeting

Notice is hereby given that 686 Cultivation LLC will hold a Virtual Community Outreach Meeting on January 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM to discuss the proposed siting of an Adult Use Cannabis Cultivation and Product Manufacturing facility at 686 Clark Rd, Tewksbury MA 01876.

This Community Outreach Meeting will be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's applicable requirements set forth in M.G.L. ch. 94G and 935 CMR 500.000 et seq. A copy of the meeting presentation will be made available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by emailing r.rutenberg@vicentellp.com.

Interested members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from company representatives about the proposed facility and operations. Questions can be submitted in advance by emailing r.rutenberg@vicentellp.com or asked during the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85970540760
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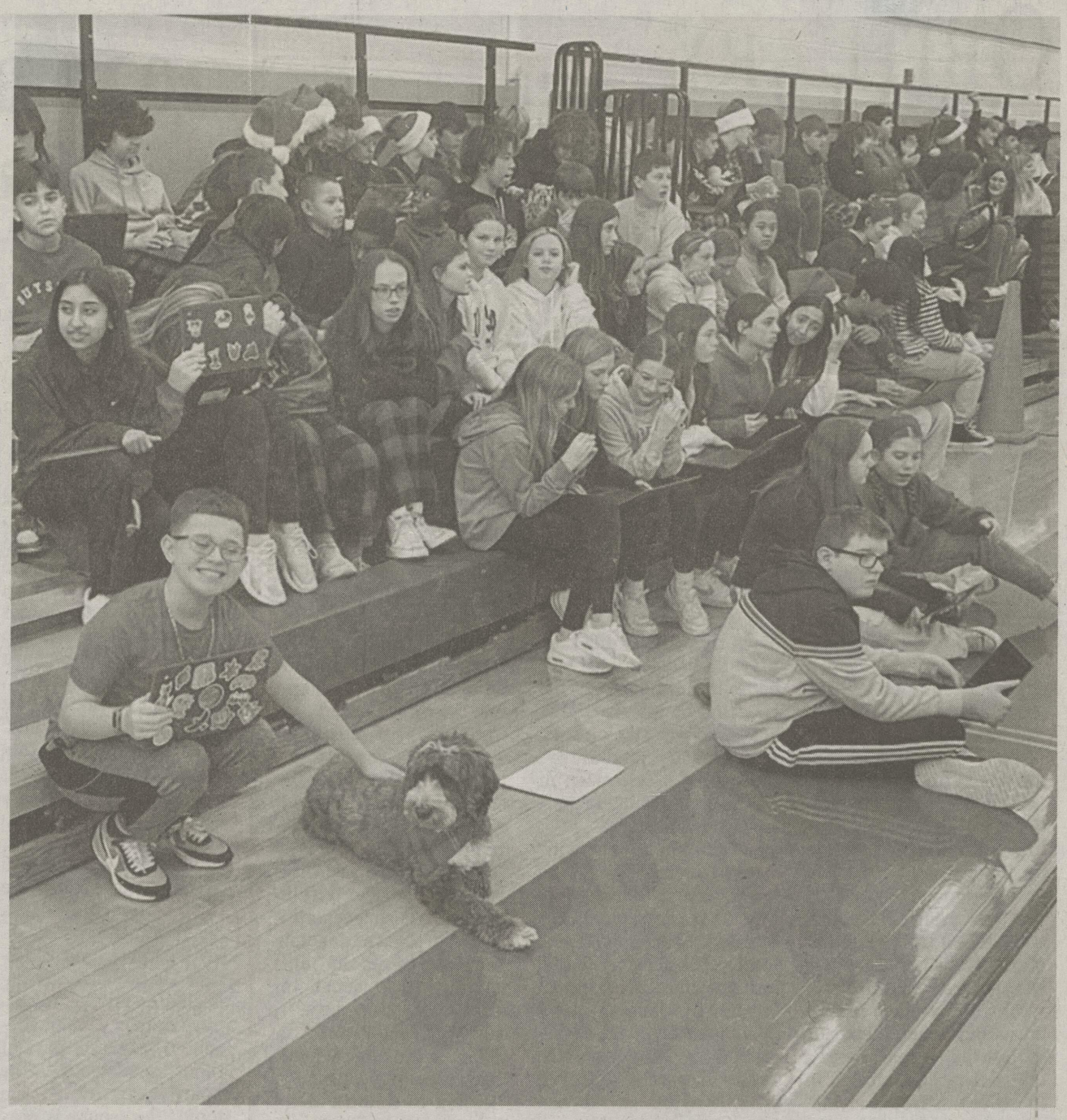
Tewksbury's Officer Waffles makes the rounds before the holiday



▲▼ Tewksbury's officer Waffles visited some students and staff before school let out for Christmas break to bring some holiday cheer. (Courtesy photos)

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www.homenewshere.com OR masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Select Board Regulation Article 37 Marijuana Retail sales License Policies and Regulations, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on the application of Cannafords Inc., d/b/a Sundaze for a license to operate as a Marijuana Retailer on premises located at 2504 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA consisting of an area of approximately 4050 SF building.

Input is welcome from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing, to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Todd Johnson, Esquire, Chair
Select Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **January 10, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a NOI application filed by Civil Design Consultants, Inc. on behalf of First Street Residence, LLC for activities related to landscaping and tree removal within the wetland buffer zone.

The property subject to this application is located at **20 FIRST ST TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 81-192.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 22, 2024** at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Catalano Management, LLC on behalf of Sidiropoulos Haralampos Trust c/o Double Jelly Donuts MA, LLC for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a pylon sign with electronic menu message board as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1220 Main Street, Assessor's Map 60, Lot 42, zoned Town Center.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, JANUARY 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 20-23
JOSEPH SHAMON
Map 58, Parcel 25
PERRY/LEE AVE

– TO REQUEST RELIEF FROM THE OFFICIAL MAP

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

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Said property is located at 1992 Main Street, Assessor's Map 84, Lot 38, zoned South Village Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO SITE PLAN APPROVAL (SPR LD 2023-28)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 22, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by David DiCenso for a Modification to a Site Plan Approval for a cannabis dispensary pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw and Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw for changes to the parking layout and site grading as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1695 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 22, zoned Industrial 1 and Interstate Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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Please Recycle

Planning Board continues most public hearings

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2 consisted of the public hearings for just two project proposals, as the rest were requested for continuance to the meeting in February.

The first public hearing held was for a street sign special permit for 211 Lowell St. John Lucci spoke to the plans to create a new sign which would be only 95 feet compared to the existing sign which is 177 feet. Along with the new sign placement, Lucci explained that they would add another light pole.

There would also be a new curb installed which would allow a new entrance and exit to the plaza. He mentioned that this would include a new intersection.

Chair Terence Boland asked to confirm the new sign would be lit, which Lucci did.

The board closed the public hearing and accepted the draft decisions prepared.

The public hearing continued for site plan review, stormwater management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit at 208 Main St. Jill Mann spoke up representing the project.

As board member Angela Marcolina wasn't present, Mann wanted to make sure none of the other board members missed one of their previous discussions on this project.

The answer returned by the notetaker was that all other board members had been present at each time this project had been brought for discussion.

Mann went on to ask the board seek a temporary decision with conditions for the next meeting, as long as DPW Director Jamie Magaldi and Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich agreed.

Another representative for the project then explained they began an ice study process with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation due to the site's location in an intersection and would now undergo the typical MassDOT review process.

They shared a positive recommendation from traffic peer reviewer TEC. Some of the updates they discussed were creating a survey sign plan, collecting all runoff on the property, establishing a parking lot agreement with McDonalds, lighting, utility revisions, and a full pump design package.

To address remaining comments from Town Engineer Paul Alunni, they were hoping to set up a meeting to discuss how to move forward.

Board member Randi Holland suggested creating a diagram to indicate how they would allow entrance and exit during construction.

This public hearing was then continued to Feb. 6.

Continued by request of the applicants were the definitive subdivision and stormwater management permit for Birch Street; the conservation subdivision special permit for 708R Woburn Street; definitive subdivision and stormwater management permit for Eagleview Drive off Marion Street; and site plan review for 773 Salem St.

Planner/Economic Development Coordinator Jayne Wierzbicki shared updates for the board on the Zoning Board of Appeals cases. For Lee Avenue, she reminded them they approved the 81G roadway improvement plan.

Regarding 79 Nichols St., she said they requested to continue to the board's February meeting as TEC is still undergoing a peer review. She mentioned the town engineer indicated compliance for the case for 409 Salem St., and the board was inclined to recommend approval in that case.

With approval recommended for the street acceptance process to begin for Green Meadow Drive, the board approved the request to initiate the procedure.

They also approved a site plan review waiver for 269 Main St.

Lastly, Wierzbicki mentioned the Planning and Conservation Department would begin spreading the word about their proposal for the required multi-family housing as of right zoning district for Town Meeting. They'd begin with a presentation at the senior center. She also mentioned Gingrich sent out a notification to the landowners in the district area.

An anecdote shared by the board was that residents were commenting on Facebook asking what the district would mean for existing businesses instead of asking the planning department. The board members clarified it wouldn't impact their current businesses, as the zoning district simply creates the possibility of what may be built in the future.

The board's next meeting will be on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium.

School Committee votes down renaming Columbus Day

SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

school PAC representing and a middle school program update. Middle School Principal Jeanette Quirk explained that the "what I need" block would be added into the schedule to incorporate time for interventions, support, or IEP services each day.

Middle school program review updates were delivered regularly throughout the year, also highlighting the advisory program. The Boutwell and the high school PACs shared updates with the committee in March. Improvement plans were presented by elementary school principals and the high school principal in December for feedback.

High school course selections and program updates were also presented early on to provide students with more options and better align the course paths in case changes are needed. The program of studies was also approved in March. Later in the year they would approve the high school 2023-2024 handbook.

A major change came to the district when the school start times were approved in January, though the changes went into effect for the start of the 2023-2024 school year in the end of August. This moved the Wildwood School to the earliest start time and pushed the middle and high schools to starting at 8 a.m.

The committee members appreciated the feedback of the community both in favor and against the change but said that they felt this would help make the schedule a little better for young adolescents in town.

In February, the committee reviewed the superintendent's budget for 2023-2024 before it went to the Finance Committee and eventually Town Meeting. They received further updates regarding the impending strategic plan, the WPS reunification plan, food services, and literacy in March.

Though hotly debated, the committee voted against renaming Columbus Day on the school calendar to Indigenous Peoples' Day and eventually went with simply "holiday." They also voted not to participate in school choice.

The committee's makeup changed in the spring, with a high school representative starting to attend each week along with the introduction of committee member Mike Mercaldi as previous committee member Melissa Plowman stepped away. They then nominated David Ragsdale to become the next chair and Jesse Fennelly to become the vice-chair.

As summer approached, the committee submitted the evaluation progress report on the superintendent and received presentations on summer enrichment and programs. The committee honored retiring staff members and graduating seniors in June, and then welcomed new staff with the start of the new school year.

They provided feedback on the district strategic plan and its action plan before approving it in full.

In September, the committee quickly shifted to focus on bus transportation issues that emerged. After several discussions, they voted to shift some school start times back by five or ten minutes and add a new bus that same month, and further updates were delivered into November.

October brought MCAS results and updates on performing arts offerings and participation, literacy, and the financial report. The committee also spent time discussing and editing potential resolutions to be supported at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' conference and reviewed the superintendent goals.

Students came before the committee on their own behalf in many meetings. They represented both the middle and high schools overall with monthly events updates, the middle school Robotics teams, the freshman history fair, the senior exploration projects, the high school Germany trip, and the Spanish exchange program, and even spoke during public comment.

The committee heard from Student Support Services throughout the year out of concerns from the mental well-being data of the school district. Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown-LeGrand reported the state was at a crisis level of services requested and their resources were increasingly needed in Wilmington.

The district participated in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey this year, with the report delivered to the committee at their meeting in November.

2023 ended with presentations on the 2024-2025 budget and capital spending, a review of fall athletics participation and turnout, and the high school school council improvement plan. The total budget increase proposed by the superintendent was 4.34 percent overall or over $2 million compared to this current school year.

While enrollment continues to decrease, Brand highlighted that student needs are ever increasing, especially those of English language learners and other students considered "high needs."

JOBS

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Select Board appoints interim town manager; searches for permanent town manager

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lot, town common, or public buildings parking lot.

It was in January the board first learned about an important update for the interim plan for the Wildwood School moving into the middle school temporarily, where they would reallocate American Rescue Plan Act funds to build a play structure at the middle school. Memos alerted the board to other renovation updates at the middle school as they took place.

Recreation Director Brett Sawin visited the board on multiple occasions: in January to talk about the prior fall and upcoming spring events, in March to discuss summer programs, and in October to share the participation of their fall programming.

Public Buildings Superintendent George Hooper described major updates to the senior center and town hall/school administration building projects in May and again in September as the senior center project was over budget. Updates for the Wildwood School MSBA project came to the board via memo and in person as it related to potential grade configurations to be considered.

There were regular updates from DPW Director Jamie Magaldi in terms of expenditures of ARPA funds and department ongoings throughout the year. He informed the board of the DPW's receipt of a storage facilities grant and an athletic field improvement grant.

He requested the declaration of Arbor Day in order to meet the guidelines for Tree City USA. Magaldi also sent memos about traffic signal projects and water regulation changes through the spring and into the summer. He'd later propose the creation of an Accepted Ways Policy alongside Town Planner Paul Alunni and discuss options for replacing the Wilmington High School turf with the board per town meeting consensus.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich delivered updates from the town's plan for establishing a multi-family housing zone action plan, which became more and more necessary as the attorney general's office declared compliance mandatory instead of optional. She presented an initial plan containing the zone in June and results from a survey sent to residents in October.

The Environmental Protection Agency also continued to inform the board of updates relative to the Olin Superfund Site as they finalized the Community Involvement Plan, the consent decree was made official, and remediation could finally begin.

Several Eagle Scout projects were approved and unveiled this year. In February, Eagle Scout Noah Carriere announced that his completed project was unveiled. Eagle Scout candidate Jon Consorti had a project approved in June to set up boxes for American flag disposals. Taylor Hirst proposed an avenue of remembrance at the Wildwood Cemetery. Evan Woltag presented a project to create a hidden wounds memorial in November.

Other efforts made celebrating veterans which came before the board for approval included a Minutemen Liberty Pole as presented by Hugh McNeil and a heroes Christmas Tree presented by Anne Murray.

Police Chief Joe Desmond came before the board to speak about the TASER update program in March. He returned to request permission for the police department to hold their annual National Night Out, which the board approved in June. He also informed the board of a new technology for tracking at-risk residents that the department would soon pilot and the department's reaccreditation.

Health Director Shelley Newhouse, Elderly Services Director Terri Marciello, and IT Director John O'Neil each brought presentations to the board as necessary in the spring.

Newhouse announced a tri-town coalition excellence grant received by the town. Marciello discussed all of the programming at the senior center. O'Neil shared cybersecurity updates for multi-factor authentication.

The board began searching for a temporary and permanent town manager in July, when they created and appointed people to the town manager search committee and began accepting letters of interest for temporary town manager.

They first heard from Assistant Town Manager Susan Inman before they invited other town department heads to contribute their own letters. Public Buildings Superintendent George Hooper was first selected, but Veterans Services Director Lou Cimaglia came forward later once Hooper took his name out of consideration. Cimaglia began serving as temporary town manager in November.

Meanwhile, the town manager search committee requested the hiring of a consultant to assist in their search as they realized the importance and breadth of the work ahead of them over the next few months. The consultant provided an update for the board at their meeting in December that the job would be posted in January with a salary of up to $220,000.

The board briefly went viral in October over a response made to a resident during a public comment. The board considered but did not create an official public comment policy as well as a policy on the use of town public spaces. They did, however, create a new official flag policy.

Planning Board approves plans for Ballardvale St.

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several months before the board agreed to let the resident be in charge of stormwater maintenance as they approved conditions in November.

One new project proposed in September was a 6,000 square foot addition to a building at 250 Andover St., which was continued through November and then accepted.

October brought acceptance of draft decisions for 250 Ballardvale St. after the project plans were revised down to just one plan. The board also approved a site plan review waiver for 386 Main St.

In November, the board accepted the draft decisions for a site plan review and stormwater management permit at 250 Andover St. and endorsed the plans for 12 Industrial Way regarding site plan review, stormwater management permit, and parking relief special permit.

Definitive subdivisions and stormwater management permits for Birch Street and Eagleview Drive were continued by request or through discussion over the course of the year and still left unresolved at the end of the year. The applicants for Eagleview Drive asked the board for a comment on the feedback of the Conservation Commission at their October meeting.

The board members suggested that the plans were fine with them, but the letter from Town Engineer Paul Alunni indicated many areas in which the plans did not comply with town bylaw.

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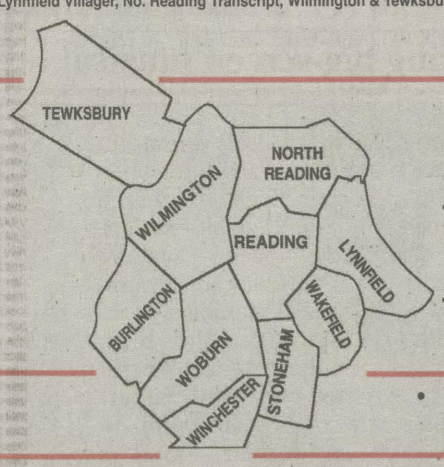

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Local officials struggle to rein in tax increases in face of soaring home prices

By PATRICK BLAIS

Convinced several times in recent years that the region's housing prices had finally apexed, runaway home values continue to mystify the region's top real-estate appraisers and tax specialists.

A little over three years ago now, Brian Macdonald, Stoneham's former chief appraiser, was absolutely sure the COVID-19 pandemic - along with related emergency infection control measures that essentially froze the state's economy - would finally halt the frenzied pace of buying and selling.

His prediction proved true...for a few months. Then all of a sudden a flood of would-be home buyers began scooping up virtually anything that hit the market.

"There's not a month that goes by where there aren't one or two sales we hear about and our jaws just hit the floor...You have this [phenomenon] now where neighborhood appears to be becoming less and less important," said Mcdonald back in Dec. of 2020, referencing a new trend where odd-shaped lots, completely dilapidated homes, and even parcels riddled with ledge and other development obstacles began to sell at a premium.

The staggering explosion in residential property values, which has fueled a near decade-long construction boom focused almost exclusively on multi-family housing complexes, has left many of Mcdonald's colleagues speechless.

"I've long since abandoned trying to interpret what people are paying for when they buy into a community. I don't know if it's schools. I don't know if it's the air of eliteness," commented longtime Reading Town Assessor Victor Santaniello in an interview back in 2020. "What I do know is that every year I'm amazed at what people pay for homes."

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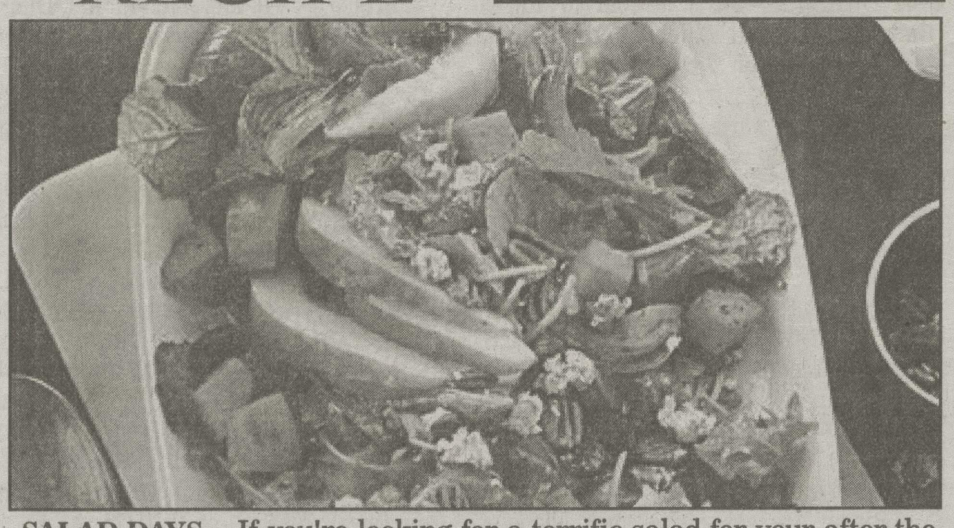

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2. Heat oven to 450°F. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with parchment paper. In large bowl, mix sweet potatoes, onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and 1 tablespoon of the olive oil until well mixed. Spread evenly in pan.

3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes until potatoes are tender and golden around edges, stirring once. Cool 10 minutes.

4. In large serving bowl, mix kale with half of the dressing. Top salad with cooled sweet potatoes, onions, pear and cherries. Drizzle remaining dressing over salad. Sprinkle with pecans and blue cheese. Serve immediately.

Ingredients

Maple-Dijon Dressing -

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped (1 teaspoon)
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Salad -

- 2 medium dark-orange sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 1 lb)
- 1 medium red onion, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 1 package (5 oz) baby kale, stems removed (6 cups)
- 1 medium ripe pear, cut vertically into quarters, seeds removed and sliced lengthwise into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans, toasted
- 1/3 cup crumbled blue cheese

WEARING PURPLE FOR A CAUSE - Above, students from Wakefield's Saint Joseph School recently wore purple or grey to show support and raise money for The Alzheimer's Association. Thank you to all of the generous families who donated. Back row: (l-r) Julien Merrigan, Mia Garcia, David Maselli, Krista Chankhour and Oliviai Lam. Front Row: (l-r) Antonina Casoli, Frances King, Chiara Screnci, Thomas Fusco and Kate ZinkBros. (Photo by Amanda M. Jagiello)

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'The Color Purple' is a stirring big-screen musical

PURPLE REIGN - Above, Phylicia Pearl Mpasi, left, and Halle Bailey in a scene from "The Color Purple" released by Warner Bros Pictures. Not all of the tonal changes work in Spielberg's version of the movie, but the payoff is immense, as are the thrilling performances at the film's center. (Warner Bros. Pictures via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Exuberant performances from a cast led by Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson and Danielle Brooks breathe life into Blitz Bazawule's stirring "The Color Purple," adapted from the Tony-winning Broadway production.

Alice Walker 's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1982 novel, which Steven Spielberg turned into the 1985 film, may be an unlikely book for such bright adaptations. Walker's novel, told through Celie's letters penned to God, is harrowingly bleak in its tale of trauma, poverty, abuse and rape. Much of Walker's "The Color Purple" doesn't scream song and dance.

But the emotional triumphs of Walker's novel and its soul-stirring tribute to the power of Black women lend themselves to the kind of maximalist spectacle of Bazawule's razzle-dazzle adaptation. The tragedy found in "The Color Purple" makes its final release all the more rousing.

It can still be an awkward mix, and, like Spielberg's movie, not all of the tonal changes work in this version of "The Color Purple." But the payoff is immense, as are the thrilling performances at the movie's center.

Barrino, who in 2007 took over the role on Broadway, plays Celie with a raw soulfulness. In the film's opening scenes, she's picked by Mister (Colman Domingo) to be his wife, though her role at his messy, ramshackle home is much closer to servant.

Life with Mister, who regularly beats her, is a nightmare. That Domingo is able play such a loathsome, cruel character and yet still find subtle notes of woundedness and ultimately redemption in Mister is a testament to his dynamism as an actor. The roots of Mister's barbarism are traced to his own brutal father (Louis Gossett Jr.), one of the numerous ways in which "The Color Purple" contemplates cycles of abuse and inherited pain.

Celie, separated from her beloved sister Nettie (Halle Bailey), has little to look forward to. But after years go by, signs of possibility begin entering the orbit of her savage rural corner of early 20th century Georgia.

First there's Sofia (Brooks), the wife of Mister's more sensitive son Harpo (Corey Hawkins), who builds a juke joint on a pier above a swamp. Brooks, reprising the role she played in the 2015 stage revival, is a revelation as the strong-willed, admirably reckless Sofia. Her forceful and funny entry (and her thundering song "Hell No!") announce a female empowerment Celie hasn't ever dared to imagine.

Bazawule's film, penned by playwright Marcus Gardley, wavers most in the balance of its first half. The musical scenes, with kinetic choreography from Fatima Robinson, perhaps come too fast and furious, distracting from our connection with the meek Celie. The numbers are richly conceived — the juke joint (part of the excellent production design of Paul Denham Austerberry) is pierced with light shining through wooden planks. But some flights of fancy, like one number in which Celie is transported onto a giant turntable, make for a herky-jerky flow. The jumbled book-to-movie-to-musical-to-movie-musical path of "The Color Purple" sometimes shows.

But the film takes off when Shug (Henson) makes her show-stopping entrance. Shug, a glamorous singer who breezes in and out of their country lives, is whom Mister most pines for — and whom Celie has great affection for, as well.

Henson, outfitted sumptuously by costumer Francine Jamison-Tanchuck, gives "The Color Purple" a vivid, movie-star splash. Celie and Shug's romance has often been downplayed — it was almost totally absent Spielberg's film. This version, while still falling short, does a little better thanks to their tender duet "What About Love?"

In this lengthy and star-packed musical (Ciara, Jon Batiste, H.E.R. and Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor are just some of the cameos), there are more dramatic ups and downs to go. But the movie builds irresistibly toward the hard-earned emancipation of Celie, and Barrino's climactic, impassioned performance of "I'm Here."

Bazawule, the Ghana-born filmmaker, has made one previous feature ("The Burial of Kojo"). But he also performs as the hip-hop artist Blitz the Ambassador and directed Beyoncé's "Black Is King" visual album. And his adroitness in capturing musical performance is easy to see in "The Color Purple," produced by a trio of heavyweights from the first film: Oprah Winfrey, Spielberg and Quincy Jones.

But it's the movie's own power trio of Barrino, Brooks and Henson that makes "The Color Purple" one of the most moving big-screen musicals in recent years. Each in their own way transforms suffering into exhilarating portraits of survival and strength.

"The Color Purple," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for mature thematic content, sexual content, violence and language. Running time: 140 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

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1060 Main St was sold to Farias, Rodrigo by Pisano, Carmela and Pisano, Franco for $800,000 on 12/14/23

725 Salem St was sold to Gambino, Alexander and Gambino, Brennah M by Platt, Bernard E and Platt, Charmaine H for $1,150,000 on 12/15/23

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101 Elm St was sold to Monti, Vanessa T and Ziegler, Mcauley P by Metani, Artur for $645,000 on 12/15/23

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8 Gardner Rd was sold to Moschella, Mathew R and Shamshak, Emily N by Maxon, Brendan J and Maxon, Haley M for $660,000 on 12/14/23

15 Libby Ave was sold to Ruggiero, David and Caradonna, Nicole by Haase, Craig K and Haase, Joyce A for $716,000 on 12/15/23

38 Pleasant St was sold to Peterson, Philip M by Hardin, Jennifer for $1,300,000 on 12/14/23

52 Sanborn St #208 was sold to Garrett, Deborah N and Garrett Jr, Crombie J by Gilmore, Ellen M for $595,600 on 12/15/23

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351 William St was sold to Kumar, Anil and Rani, Poonam by Benmir, Mohamed and Benmir, Renee for $732,500 on 12/15/23

TEWKSBURY

4 Arlington St was sold to Kupchaunis, Nicholas and Kupchaunis, Kayla A by Fitzgerald, Catherine A and Fitzgerald, David for $565,000 on 12/15/23

20 Blease Dr was sold to Poor, Christopher C and Orlowski, Jewelia by Hyde Ft and Hyde, James D for $780,000 on 12/15/23

14 Kearsage St was sold to Brennan, Benjamin C and Schipelliti, Sarah L by Mcdermott, Doris K and Mcdermott, Sean for $590,000 on 12/13/23

40 Longmeadow Rd was sold to Mcconaghy, Samantha R and Mcconaghy, Joseph E by Gen 4 Builders LLC for $1,050,000 on 12/15/23

592 Main St was sold to Calvin Shea LLC by Rose, Daniel for $390,000 on 12/15/23

42 Quail Run #42 was sold to Karen Balchunas Lt and Balchunas, Karen by Mortimer, Kathleen A and Mortimer, Maura C for $477,000 on 12/13/23

95 Royal Crest Cir was sold to Delvecchio, Daniel and Markowski, Margaret by Dischino, Adam and Dischino, Nicole E for $800,000 on 12/11/23

WAKEFIELD

248 Albion St #232 was sold to Nasirian, Farzaneh and Mirnesami, Seyed V by Lam, Ricky C and Lam, Linda Y for $556,900 on 12/15/23

WILMINGTON

10 Biggar Ave was sold to Zinck, Nicholas and Bolduc, Samantha by Agostino Ft and Oxman, Brian D for $631,000 on 12/11/23

43 Brand Ave was sold to Peterwood Properties LLC by Koslowski Ft and Kirsten, Judith E for $310,000 on 12/15/23

200 Jefferson Rd was sold to Princeton Wilmington 3 LL by John Sons Rt and Jensen, Christian for $2,590,500 on 12/14/23

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104 Mink Run Rd was sold to Hydorn, Joseph by Hydorn Jr, Vernon for $450,000 on 12/15/23

WINCHESTER

38 Graystone Cir #3 was sold to Williamson Ft and Williamson, Paul C by Lopez Ft and Lopez, Gilda J for $1,584,500 on 12/11/23

3 Priscilla Ln was sold to Goiffon, Sebastien and Goiffon, Stephanie L by 3 Priscilla Ln LLC for $2,340,000 on 12/15/23

7 Thornberry Rd was sold to Chowdhury, Salim by Fleck, Laurice T for $850,000 on 12/13/23

15 W Chardon Rd was sold to 15 West Chardon Road LLC by Tashjian Adrienne V Est and Gazarian, Charles for $1,100,000 on 12/13/23

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WOBURN

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10 Elm Ave was sold to Debarros, Peter by Saverio Gargano 1992 T and Debarros, Victoria A for $630,000 on 12/14/23

6 Granny Smith Ln was sold to Minoggio, Angela and Edelstein, Philip by Baker, Dean and Baker, Rita for $1,055,000 on 12/14/23

10 Loves Ln was sold to Sha, Raahil M by Patricia L Levesque T and Levesque, Patricia L for $900,000 on 12/15/23

14 Montvale Ave was sold to 14-36 Montvale Ave LLC by Gangi Rlty Ent LLC for $4,100,000 on 12/15/23

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ering between 6 and 7 percent, John Connolly, Woburn's chief assessor, had fully expected a cooling down of the market over the past year.

But as Connolly told Woburn's City Council last month during the community's annual tax classification hearing, he and his colleagues were once again proven wrong.

"Even in this high interest environment, deals are still [being made]," the chief appraiser explained. "You're not seeing quite the fever that we had, but residential is holding its own."

One thing is for sure. With residential values climbing at such a staggering pace, city and town officials across the Middlesex East coverage area are finding it increasingly difficult to control resulting increases in tax bills.

Complicating the issue is a simultaneous phenomenon where commercial properties in a post COVID-19/work-from-home environment are appreciating at a much more subdued pace.

Given that atmosphere, which has convinced a number of developers to flip many underutilized commercial and industrial parcels into multi-family housing complexes, the traditional strategy of shifting the tax burden away from residents and onto businesses isn't proving as effective as in years past.

For example in Woburn, which has long boasted the lowest residential tax burden in immediate area, the city's homeowners will see their tax rate decrease by an impressive 64 cents in FY'24 from $8.70 to $8.06.

But even that drop can't erase the effect of a booming single-family home values in the community, which over the past 12 months climbed on average by $58,000 to nearly $670,000. As a result, the typical Woburn homeowner can expect to pay an additional $78 in real-estate taxes this year while shelling out a total of $5,400.

Since 2015, when the local assessor's office valued the median Woburn home at less than $400,000, local taxpayers have seen their tax bills climb on average by $1,671 to $5,400 annual total expected in 2024.

"There's been tremendous, tremendous value growth in the city. In 2015, the average assessed value [of a house in Woburn] was $366,570. If you go to the end of FY'24, the average assessed value for a single-family in the City of Woburn was $669,754," Connolly explained during the community's annual tax classification hearing last month.

Like Woburn, homeowners in Burlington, which also thanks to a healthy commercial/industrial property base has been able to shield its residents from massive tax bill increases, are experiencing similar pressures. According to local officials, most residents can expect to shell out an additional $292 in annual taxes next year.

Back in 2015, according to records maintained by the town, the typical house in Burlington was valued by the local assessor's office at $420,117. In FY'24, those same domiciles are now appraised at $725,800 after climbing by more than $66,000 over the past 12 months alone.

As a result, the average tax bill, which came in at around $4,770 in FY'16, is now expected to ring in at $6,488.

Noting that almost every community in the state is experiencing a similar explosion in property values, Burlington officials during the town's annual tax classification hearing argued the community actually remains quite affordable.

"Being a resident and business owner in Burlington, I cannot describe how good this is for all of us. These taxes are not going to scare residents and commercial property owners off. These rates are very reasonable," stated Select Board member Joseph Morandi during that late November public hearing in Town Hall.

Also benefiting from a healthy business base are residents in Wilmington, who according to Principal Assessor Karen Rassias will be asked to pay an additional $387.51 in real-estate taxes next year.

The average home in Wilmington climbed in value over the past 12 months by around 10 percent to $683,000. Meanwhile, commercial landowners, whose property values also jumped at a similar 9.2 percent pace, will see their tax burdens climb by $3,559 next year.

Though having a much smaller commercial and industrial tax base to rely upon, the Town of Stoneham has also managed to keep its tax rates relatively low compared to neighbors like Melrose and Reading.

However, with the average home in town climbing over the past year by $75,515 to $709,000, local taxpayers can expect their annual real-estate tax liabilities to climb by $230 in FY'24.

Ten years ago, the typical single-family house in Stoneham was worth around $433,668. Since 2016, citizens have seen their annual real-estate tax bill climb by roughly $1,812 to the expected FY'24 average tax bill of $7,513.

Rounding out the Middlesex East coverage area are a handful of small bedroom communities that have a negligible business base. As such, town officials in Winchester, Reading, and Tewksbury have traditionally resisted the temptation to max out the commercial-industrial-personal property (CIP) tax shift that establishes a dual tax rate.

However, the phenomenal rise in residential property values has seen officials in Reading and Tewksbury moving away from that practice.

For example in Tewksbury, the Select Board in November adopted a 166 percent CIP shift that will take some of the financial tax pressures off of local residents, who can expect the average single-family tax bill to increase by around $270 in FY'24. Presently, the median house in town is worth around $602,548.

Unlike most surrounding towns, which have for years now implemented the maximum 175 percent CIP shift, Tewksbury has tried to maintain a more delicate balance between its residential and commercial/industrial tax rates.

However, over the past seven years, the assessed value of the median single-family home in Tewksbury soared more than $227,000. In order to control the resulting increase in residential tax bills, the Select Board has since the COVID-19 pandemic increased the CIP from 155 percent to 166 percent.

Next year, the typical homeowner in Tewksbury will pay $8,039 in taxes. Back in 2018, that same average tax bill was estimated to be $6,415.

Over the past several years, town officials in Reading - which long enacted a de-facto single tax-rate - have similarly began asking commercial and industrial landowners to shoulder a greater portion of the tax levy.

Ten years ago, the typical single-family home in Reading was valued at about $446,100 and local residents were paying around $6,828 in real-estate taxes.

However, since that time, assessed home values have climbed on average by some $413,00 to $859,000 and Reading residents can expect their annual tax bill to surpass the $9,000 mark in FY'24 for the first time in the community's history.

Earlier this fall, Reading's Select Board during its annual tax classification hearing voted to increase the CIP from 102 percent to 110 percent. Even with that increase, the average commercial tax bill in FY'24 is still expected to dip by $69.

"Do I think that's perfect? No," said Select Board Chair Jackie McCarthy of the decision to increase the CIP shift for the second consecutive year. "Do I think that's going to make people throw a party or a parade and congratulate us? Absolutely not."

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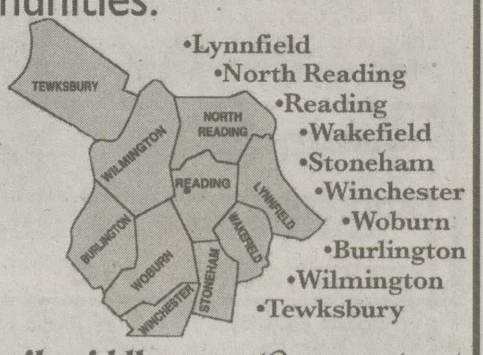

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Tewksbury Police Log

Police alerted to bag allegedly filled with drugs

Monday, December 25

1:02 a.m. - Caller was reporting a loud party at Archstone Avenue with yelling. Police sent. They spoke to the party and they will be turning off the music and wrapping it up for the night.

8:23 a.m. - A 911 caller reported her manager was attempting to take her tip money after he was told to go home at Dunkin'. Police sent and officer filed a report.

1:54 p.m. - Caller reported two females, one Asian and one black, walked behind houses that were across from him at Whipple Road. He's never seen them before and doesn't believe they're from the area. Police sent. The neighbor spoke with those individuals and they left the area.

7:12 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks going off in the area of Cardigan Road and Kendall Road. Police sent and were unable to locate the fireworks.

Tuesday, December 26

12:44 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activities last night where a male was walking behind his home at Kendall Road. Caller did not have camera footage. Police sent. It appeared the person in question was just cutting through the caller's backyard. Officer filed a report.

4:33 p.m. - Caller reported five minutes ago someone knocked on her window at Ames Hill Drive. Someone messed with the back door and the caller believed it was a brother who has no tresspassing order. Police sent. They spoke with reporting party. Officer filed a report.

8:58 p.m. - Caller reported someone banging on her door really hard about five minutes ago at Old Boston Road. Police sent. They checked the building and found nothing suspicious. They spoke with calling party and advised her if it happens again to call in.

10:04 p.m. - A 911 call for a single car motor vehicle accident at Clark Road. Police and ambulance sent. Brian Foye, 37, of 28 Holbrook Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Wednesday, December 27

7:11 a.m. - Caller reported erratic driver on East Street heading toward 93, black Hyundai turned into American Gutter. They were crossing double yellow lines and tailgating. Police sent. The operator was spoken to and advised to obey driving laws.

9:51 a.m. - Caller reported she got into an argument with the operator of motor vehicle over a handicap spot at Walmart. She was upset that he was rude to her and did not respect her as a woman. Police sent. Female had calmed down and the other vehicle left the area.

2:58 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she was on the phone with her sister when she heard a loud crash and then the phone went dead at Chandler Street. They spoke with the female who was at a restaurant in New Hampshire. Female stated she hasn't spoken to her sister in years. Arlington Police Department to check on the well being of the caller.

9:42 p.m. - Police sent at Burger King for a box of pills found in the parking lot. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, December 28

3:01 p.m. - Caller of Kindercare Learning Center reported suspicious vehicle parked in their parking lot. Nobody in the vehicle and doesn't belong to an employee there. Police sent. Owner was moving the car.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a black Ford SUV in the back of the building doing suspicious activity in the vehicle at Extended Stay America. Police sent. They spoke with the operator of vehicle. Everything checked out and female party leaving the location.

Friday, December 29

10:47 a.m. - Caller reported a bag of what appeared to be drugs at Mobil Kickstart and someone wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue jeans, and hat standing near the bag. Police sent. Officer filed a report. Police would be bringing the bag back to the station for destruction.

5:44 p.m. - Staff reported a disgruntled male using different ID's attempting to gather prescriptions that don't belong to him at CVS north. They believed he was in the parking lot wearing jeans, a red shirt, black hat, and had a face tattoo. Police sent, but they were unable to located the male. Officer filed a report.

7:08 p.m. - Caller reported he was at 3 Amigos with his son and encountered a male party known to him who began threatening him. Caller was at home now. Police sent and officer filed a report.

11:11 p.m. - The walk-in party's manager at Papa Gino's North threatened to punch him and did make physical contact with the caller. No injuries but stated it was an ongoing issue. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, December 30

12:12 a.m. - Front desk would like a party trespassed Motel 5. The male party's on a do not rent list from the business and he would not leave the property. Police sent. Party left without incident.

8:43 p.m. - Call for suspicious vehicle driving slowly through the area of Cooney Road. Call reported the vehicle to be a silver four door with no make or model given. Police sent. They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

Sunday, December 31

9:31 a.m. - Caller reported at approximately 2 a.m. a gray car parked on the adjacent street to South Elizabeth Street back of the house. While son and his daughter were in the back porch around two this morning, they heard male voices coming from the car and someone mentioned "oh, their on the porch now." Stated children noticed flashlight aimed toward their house. Police sent and filed a report.

Wilmington Police Log

Tewksbury resident arrested for OUI-Liquor

Thursday, Dec. 21:

7:40 a.m.: Scarlet M Garcia Lorenzo of 40 French St., in Methuen, was issued a summons for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of her gray 2015 Hyundai Elantra on Middlesex Avenue.

4:10 p.m.: A white 2022 Honda Accord and a gray 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street and Clark Street. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Dec. 22:

8:08 a.m.: A white 2019 Mitsubishi Outlander and a white 2016 Nissan NV were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Abundant Life School on Church Street. No injuries were reported, no airbags were deployed. Police assisted with paperwork exchange.

3:12 p.m.: A blue 2004 Toyota Corolla and a black 2016 Cadillac CT6 were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Market Basket on Main Street. A walk-in party reported that one of the vehicles backed into the other and took off. Police spoke to all parties and assisted with paperwork exchange.

9:50 p.m.: A caller on Glen Road reported that her blue 2018 Nissan Pathfinder had been sideswiped while parked.

Saturday, Dec. 23:

11:11 a.m.: A 4-car motor vehicle accident occurred on Main Street and Cross Street, with a rollover reported. Two of the involved vehicles, a black 2017 Ford Escape, and a black 2014 Honda Accord, were towed. The operator of the Honda was issued a written warning for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

4:48 p.m.: A red 2008 Chevy Cobalt crashed into a stone wall on Burlington Avenue. No injuries were reported, but the wall was damaged.

9:14 p.m.: A caller on Minkrun Road reported a physical altercation, with two men physically fighting, and one of the two was bleeding. The men were separated and peace restored. The injured man refused medical treatment.

Sunday, Dec. 24:

7:37 a.m.: A resident of Chestnut Street reported that a glass reindeer decoration had been stolen sometime overnight. The homeowner's security camera did not pick up the incident, and the decoration was not found anywhere in the area nearby.

1:37 p.m.: A gray 2013 Nissan Sentra and a gray 2015 Jeep Patriot were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue and High Street. One of the vehicles was reported to be leaking fluids.

3:56 p.m.: A caller on Pouliot Place reported a physical fight between two parties. One of the parties already left the scene by the time of the call. Peace was restored, and one of the parties denied medical attention.

Monday, Dec. 25:

9:57 a.m.: A gray 2007 Honda Civic hit a guardrail on the I-93 Northbound Rt. 31 Ramp. No injuries were reported, and the state police ended up handling the situation.

Tuesday, Dec. 26:

5:30 a.m.: Wilmington police assisted North Reading police with locating a possible Breaking and Entering suspect in their town on their Main Street. Wilmington police also spoke with employees at Sunrise Convenience, Quickmart, and Richdale Convenience stores about the situation, asking them to check their door locks, and make sure their alarms and video cameras were in working order.

1:50 p.m.: Marcelo Augusto Alves de Pad of 30 Collins Ave., in Saugus, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2016 Toyota Corolla near the high school on Church Street.

9:03 p.m.: A green 2010 Dodge Caravan and a gray 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street and Butters Row. A party was initially reported to be trapped in the vehicle, but this was later disproved, although the party was suffering from arm pain. One of the vehicles struck a rock wall, and was stuck on a rock about 18 inches off the ground.

Wednesday, Dec. 27:

12:18 a.m.: William A Davidian of 25 Temple St., in Tewksbury, was arrested for OUI- Liquor over .08%- 2nd offense. This followed a caller at Cumberland Farms on Main Street who reported seeing him walking about the store unsteady on his feet, and suspected he was intoxicated. The party then slept in his vehicle, and then attempted to leave the Cumberland Farms lot, and pulled into the lot for the nearby McDonalds.

9:42 a.m.: A black 2019 Hyundai Santa Fe was involved in a motor vehicle accident, falling into an embankment on Lowell Street. The vehicle was stuck on a rock, and possibly a pole. Reading Light and Verizon were notified.

5:21 p.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported a possible large-scale embezzlement ring at 1-800-Got-Junk.

Thursday, Dec. 28:

8:11 a.m.: A gray 2021 Toyota Prius and a white 2006 Ford F350 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street and Kiernan Avenue. No injuries or airbag deployment were reported

1:58 p.m.: A walk-in party reported that two tires had been slashed on his black 2015 Toyota Camry while it was at the Metro at Wilmington Station on Burlington Avenue.

4:18 p.m.: Michael S. Meehan 460 River Road Apt. #101, in Andover, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This follows a caller at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting a shoplifter in the store, who had stolen between $50 and $100, described as heavyset and wearing all black.

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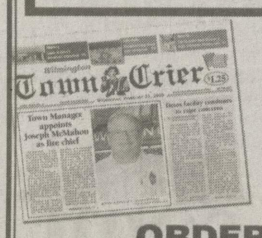
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Wilmington SPORTS

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Wildcats fall in thrilling final, 59-57

Back-and-forth battle with Bedford was a classic

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TEWKSBURY — Now that's what is called a championship game.

In the finals of Tewksbury's Tony Romano Christmas Tournament, the Wilmington High girls basketball team had a chance to take the lead with less than 20 seconds to go, but hot-shooting sophomore Charlotte Forcina's 3-pointer just bounced out.

Both Wilmington and Bedford would add foul shots in the closing moments, but Bedford ultimately won a classic contest, 59-57.

The 'Cats trailed 57-51 late in the fourth quarter before senior Eva Boudreau swished two foul shots with 1:13 to go and then buried a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left after a steal by Allie Delgenio.

Bedford hit one foul shot with 22 seconds left, giving Wilmington a possession down two.

Forcina, who swished a huge three to start the fourth quarter, got a good look at the shot from the left corner.

Bedford hit a free throw with four seconds left to put its lead to 59-56 and Bedford then fouled Boudreau, who hit one of two shots from the stripe to finish the scoring.

Wilmington led 15-10 after the first quarter with Shaylan Bresnahan scoring six points, Forcina drilling another 3-pointer and Jill Collins scoring two baskets, one on a nice assist by Forcina.

Bedford rallied in quarter No. 2, taking a 32-30 lead into halftime.

The teams combined for six 3-pointers in the third quarter including one stretch that saw five straight threes hit, three by Bedford and two by Wilmington from the hands of Boudreau, who had three 3-pointers in the quarter alone.

Down 45-40, Wilmington went on a 6-0 run to close out the third quarter and take the lead heading into the fourth.

Two foul shots by Bresnahan, a layup by Delgenio (after a nice rebound by Forcina) and a good passing play from Bresnahan to Collins put the Wildcats in front.

Forcina's 3-pointer to start the fourth put WHS in front 49-45, but Bedford regained the lead with a 12-2 run that set the stage for the exciting finish.

In the semifinals, Delgenio stole the show last Wednesday night.

The junior guard dropped 19 points, including four straight three-pointers in the opening half, to propel Wilmington past Tewksbury by a score of 43-34.

"It gave me much more confidence going through the rest of the game because I'm usually not a shooter," said Delgenio after the win.

That wasn't the case on Wednesday. Delgenio scored seven more points in the second half, quarterbacking a Wilmington offense to victory.

"She was hot in the first, and she's been shooting the lights out," said Wildcat coach Chris Frissore. "She's been getting to the hoop, and she's doing everything that needed to be done. She's solid."

The Wildcats held the Redmen to just five first-quarter points amidst a field goal percentage of 14 percentas Delgenio drilled her first pair of threes to end the quarter.

However, Tewksbury came back hard in the second. Mackenzie Hickey (11 points), Rebecca Boudreau (six points), and Alyssa Adams (six points) headlined the Tewksbury attack. After a 7-5 run in the quarter's final minutes, the Redmen cut the Wilmington lead to a point.

Tewksbury kept pushing in the third, finishing the quarter trailing by a score of 29-26 after a strong quarter from Adams. However, Wilmington was able to pull away in the fourth, scoring eight unanswered points in the opening minutes to hang on to the victory.

Eva Boudreau (seven points), Jill Collins (seven points), and Shaylan Bresnahan (six points) led the Wilmington scoring.

"It just shows that we have a good core, and we have a good team," Frissore said of holding the lead to the buzzer. "We trust each other, and I just said don't change a thing.

This is how we play, and we're not changing a thing just because we're up. We just kept playing and playing, and when the other team has to scramble, it's better for us."

▲ Senior Shaylan Bresnahan wins the jump ball for Wilmington.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Junior Jill Collins drives to the basket against Bedford.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

WHS track sweeps Stoneham

Wildcat girls improve to 3-0 with 10-point victory

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Mollie Osgood won the high jump as the WHS girls track team edged Stoneham.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

The Wilmington High boys and girls track teams came away with two hard-fought victories on Thursday against Stoneham at the New Balance Track Facility.

The boys won by a score of 60-40 to improve their record to 2-1. The girls won by a score of 55-45 to improve their record to 3-0.

The girls had plenty of highlights in their latest victory.

Addy Hunt won both the two mile and the 1000-meter run.

Mollie Osgood placed first in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 2 inches and was second in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 10.29.

Alexis LeBlanc won the 55-meter dash in 7.73. She was followed by Ali Doherty, who was third in 8.06. LeBlanc also set a new school record in the long jump to win with a leap of 16 feet, 2.25 inches. This jump breaks the old school record of 15-8.5 set by Kaitlyn Doherty in 2020.

Freshman Charlotte Kiley won the mile in 5:58.02.

Cate MacDonald won the 600 meters in 1:58.58 and freshman Isabel Carriere was second in 1:29.88, edging out the Stoneham girl by less than a tenth of a second.

In the 300 meters, Alexis Melvin was second in 46.68 and MacDonald was third in 46.84.

Sophomore Abigail Howie came up huge in the shot put as Wilmington's top thrower was out with Covid. Her throw of 26-6.5 was a 2 1/2 foot personal best and was good enough for the win.

MacDonald finished second in the long jump with a jump of 14 feet and Charlotte Kiley was third in the two mile.

The boys had many solid performances as well.

Hunter Sands won the 55 hurdles with a PR time of 8.86. He was followed by Sean Patrone in second with a PR of 9.25 and Dylan Grace was third in a time of 10.16.

Patrone won the high jump and Sands finished second.

In the mile, Dean Ciampa won in a new PR of 4:54.82. He was followed by freshman Cooper Holleran in second with a time of 5:10.84.

In the 600 meters, Jameson Burns won in a time of 1:34.08. Aidan Burke was third in 1:37.50.

In the 1000 meters, Cooper Holleran earned his first varsity victory with a time of 3:04.16. Mike Dynan finished second in 3:05.33.

In the 300-meter run, Ashvin Baker won in a time of 38.72.

In the 55-meter dash Martin Philiossaint was second in 7.22 seconds.

Dean Ciampa was second in the two mile with a time of 11:22.31 and Vibhush Sivakumar finished third in a time of 11:26.46.

In the long jump, Cameron Jenks was second and Philiossaint was third.

The 4 x 400 relay team of Ashvin Baker, Aidan Burke, Dylan Grace and Jameson Burns was victorious with a time of 3:51.26.

Next up for the track teams is a meet with Burlington on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Boston University.

WHS wrestlers defeated by Wakefield

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The Wilmington High wrestling team competed at a tournament in Framingham over the holidays.

"We had a good day overall at Framingham," said WHS coach Kevin Riley.

Senior Hannah Bryson won her division in the first ever all-girls portion of the 43 year old tournament.

Julien Cella and Clyde Lambert also walked away placing fifth in both of their respective weight categories.

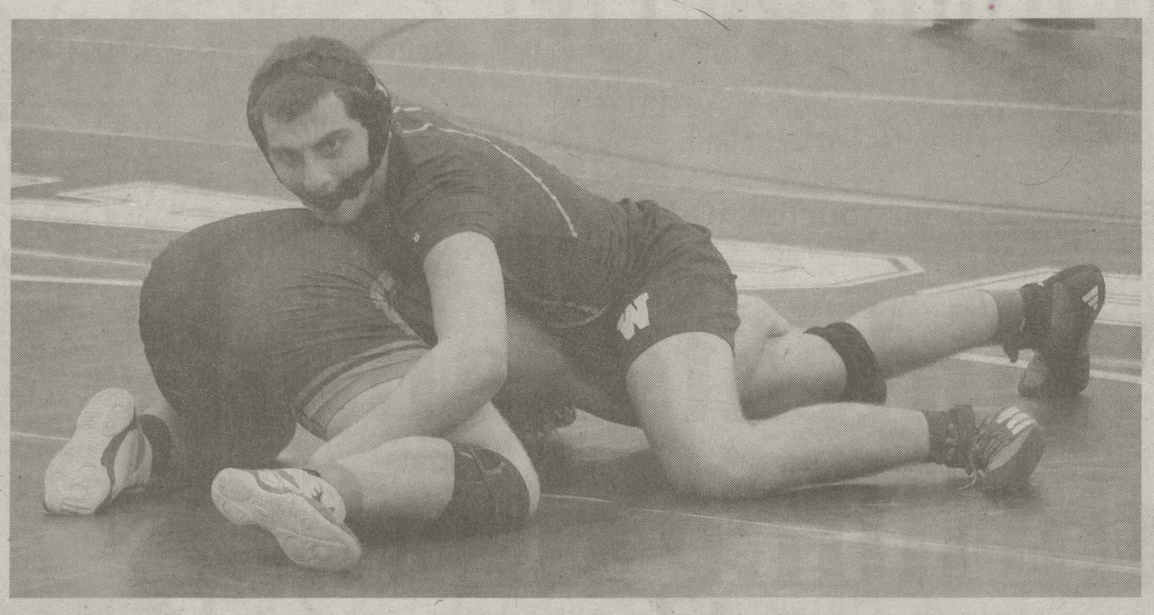
The Wildcats lost to Wakefield in dual meet action last week.

The Warriors won by a score of 60-12 as the Wildcats captured two matches.

At 190 pounds, Wildcat Mohaned Said pinned his opponent late in the third period. Wilmington's Ari Dunn won by forfeit at 106 pounds.

Several matches were tough battles.

At 157 pounds, Cella of WHS lost by fall in the third period, Nick Iascone fell in the second period of his match at 175 and Lambert was pinned in the closing seconds of the first period at 215 pounds.



▶ Mohaned Said won his match against Wakefield recently.

▼ Julien Cella battled hard, but lost a tight match against Wakefield.
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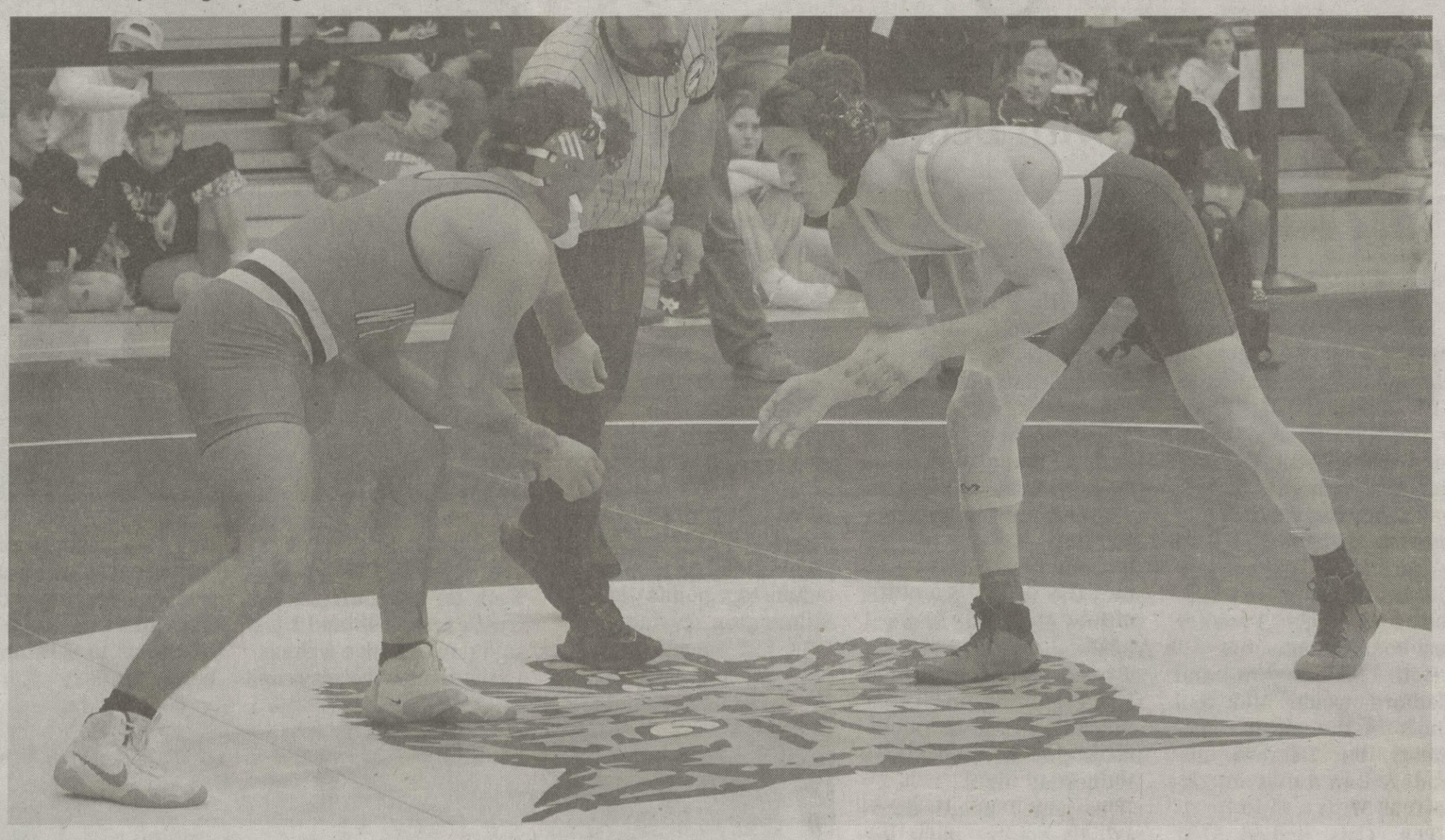

Girls hockey cruises to big win

Fenwick no match for Wilmington/Stoneham squad

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While the proving ground for Stoneham-Wilmington High girls ice hockey still lies ahead as January gets underway, namely several games with the heart of the Middlesex League's Freedom Division, the team has undeniably made an early statement.

With Saturday's 6-1 drubbing of non-league opponent Bishop Fenwick, preceded by back-to-back defeats of perennial Middlesex League powerhouse Reading, the Stoneham-Wilmington squad has won three straight, improving to 4-1 overall (2-1 MFL).

Led by Wilmington's Lily MacKenzie, who currently has 11 of the club's 17 goals, S-W seeks to improve on last year's visit to the MIAA Division 1 Tournament, which was marred by elimination in the opening round via a 5-2 loss to Pope Francis.

"My personal goal right now would be to win the Middlesex League title," said MacKenzie, when asked about her hopes for her third and final year as part of the cooperative Stoneham-Wilmington team. "We beat Reading twice and now we'll focus on Burlington and Wakefield."

MacKenzie is also seeking to capture a rare high school hockey milestone as the season unfolds.

"I had 90 points coming into tonight's game and added four goals and an assist," said the senior co-captain, who has also claimed the game-winning goal in each of the club's four wins. "One hundred is just around the corner."

Bishop Fenwick came into Stoneham Arena Saturday night on the heels of four defeats in five tries, all via shutout.

With only a pair of goals to their credit, both scored in their lone win over Hopkinton, the Crusaders were in desperate need of offense. Stoneham-Wilmington's premier goaltender Maddie Sainato saw to it that her opponent's scoring drought would continue, fending off all but one of their 23 shots on net.

MacKenzie struck early, inside the first minute of the game with a tip of a loose puck in the crease. Linemate Paige Fuller was credited with an assist on the go-ahead goal. At the end of the first period, Grace Tobias buried a MacKenzie feed for what later proved to be the game-winner.

In the middle frame, it was all MacKenzie, scoring a natural hat trick. Assists in the trio were awarded to Emma Ebert and Fuller with two. Goaltender Sainato also figured in the scoring, sending MacKenzie on a coast-to-coast rush.

"Lily is a force and she is laser-focused like I've never seen her," said LaPiana. "She's very talented but more importantly, she has matured to a point where she is understanding the game better than ever before. That's going to be a difficult for our opponents. They're going to have to game plan for her every single night out. No easy task."

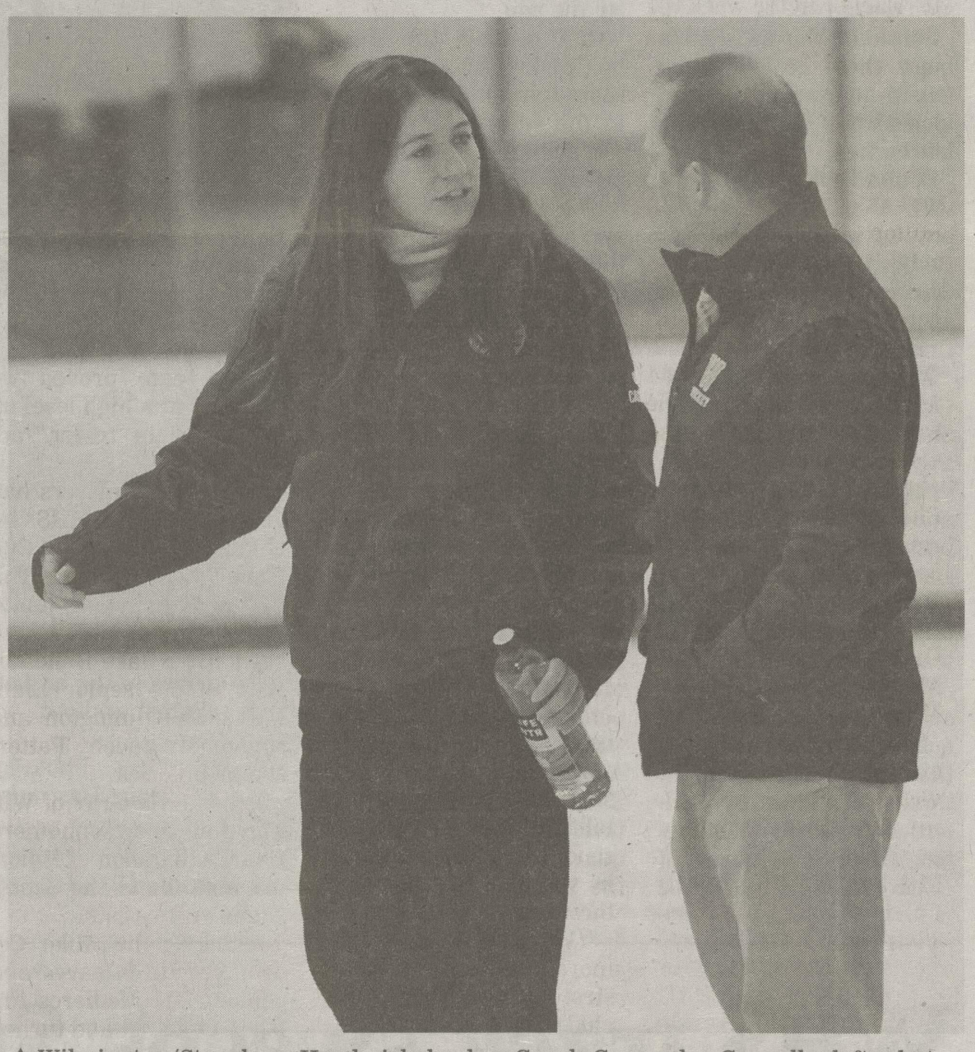
Bishop Fenwick wasn't without chances. During a prolonged mid-game stretch, the Crusaders had the Stoneham-Wilmington skaters hemmed in and tested Sainato with a number of bids. Maren Ready eventually snapped the shutout, finding the back of the net off a Molly Sullivan feed.

"That's a good Fenwick team and they have a lot of talent," said LaPiana. "We were scrambling during that sequence rather than playing disciplined hockey. During the break, we took a deep breath, and the third period was a different story.

Fuller wrapped up the scoring midway through the third, adding a goal to her three assists on the night.

"We're 4-1 and earned 8 out of a possible 10 points," said LaPiana. "We're coming into some heavy competition in the days ahead but that first line of Lilly, Paige, and Grace Tobias, with Isabella Shirtcliff behind them on defense, allows us to be confident. That line is a force to be reckoned with."

Stoneham-Wilmington traveled to face 4-1 Burlington on Wednesday evening (results in after press time) and will host 4-1-1 Lincoln-Sudbury on Saturday at 6 p.m.



▲ Wilmington/Stoneham Head girls hockey Coach Cassandra Connolly, left, chats with Woburn Head Coach Steve Kennedy at the conclusion of the game. Connolly played at Woburn HS for Kennedy several years ago when Kennedy was the assistant coach at Woburn HS. (Photo by Joe Brown)

Boys hockey falls just short

Wildcats edged 3-2 in holiday tourney play

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After the Wilmington High School boys hockey team edged Lexington last week to earnits first victory of the season, it appeared that the Wildcats were trending in the right direction.

With the Hillies Christmas Tournament in Haverhill next on the docket, it was the perfect opportunity for Wilmington to continue its momentum after a slow start to the winter.

However, after a pair of losses to Windham (NH) and Winnacunnet (NH), the 'Cats are back to the drawing board.

Wilmington fell 5-0 to Windham in the tournament's first game on Wednesday despite a spectacular performance from Tyler Marinho between the pipes, who made 39 saves, including 21 in the first period alone. Windham ultimately got two goals past Marinho in the first period and never looked back.

"They were very good," said Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon. "They are big, physical, and have a bunch of older kids who just attack (the net)."

Wilmington could not get anything past Windham goaltender Ben Breen, who made 24 saves for the shutout.

"We faced Winchester and Arlington (earlier this season), and I think Windham can skate right with them," admitted Scanlon. "They are an impressive team."

While the score began to escape the Wildcats, that didn't mean Scanlon's group gave up. The 'Cats fought until the end, refusing to back down until the final buzzer sounded.

"I was glad to see our kids played through until the end," said Scanlon. "The shots were kind of even in the third period, and the kids kept playing. When the physical stuff started, we answered back."

In the second game of the Hillies Tournament, Wilmington came up just short in a 3-2 loss to Winnacunnet, falling to 1-4 on the winter.

Bobby Cyr scored both goals in the loss as Matt O'Brien and Daniel Langunilla picked up assists.

"We outplayed them," said Scanlon. "We outshot them, we have a lot of trouble scoring goals. We had a lot of good chances."

Cyr, a defenseman, has been a critical component of Wilmington's lineup this winter.

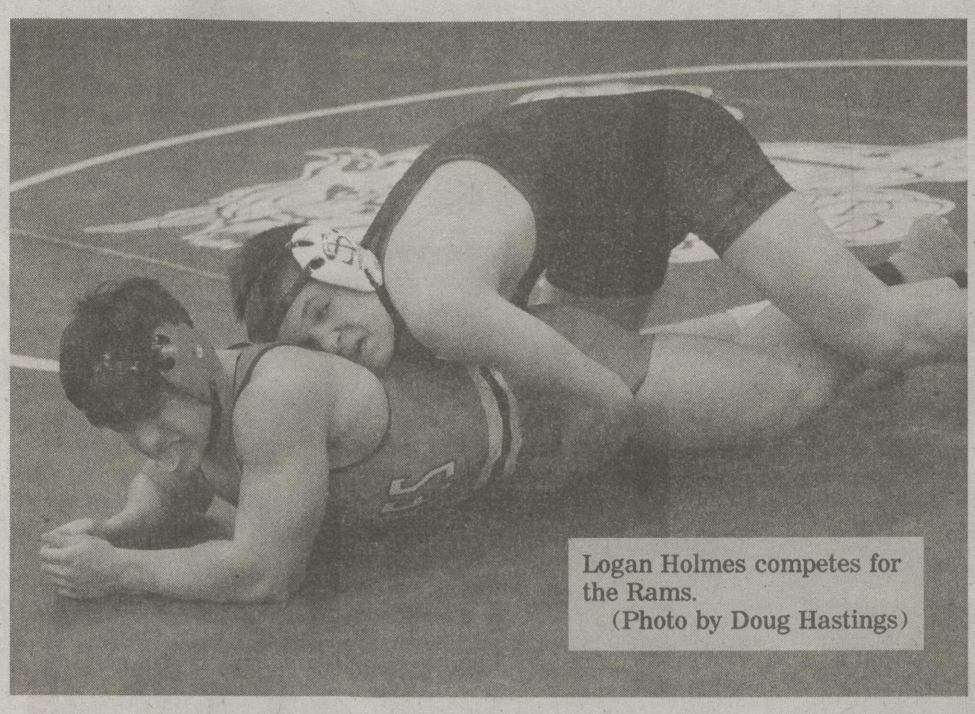
"He's very important," said Scanlon. "He's been around a little bit, and he's a really good mobile defenseman. He can go with the puck and he's decent attacking the net. He's on our power play, he kills penalties, he logs a lot of minutes for us."

While the 'Cats are struggling to put the puck in the net, Scanlon hopes a return to league play will ease some of the stress of his players to light the lamp.

"Sometimes you pump a couple in, and things break for you," he said. "We're hoping going forward. We're getting into divisional play, which all the teams are our speed.

They should be interesting, competitive games."

The Wildcats returned to Middlesex League play against Wakefield on Wednesday and then battle Stoneham on Saturday.



Logan Holmes competes for the Rams.
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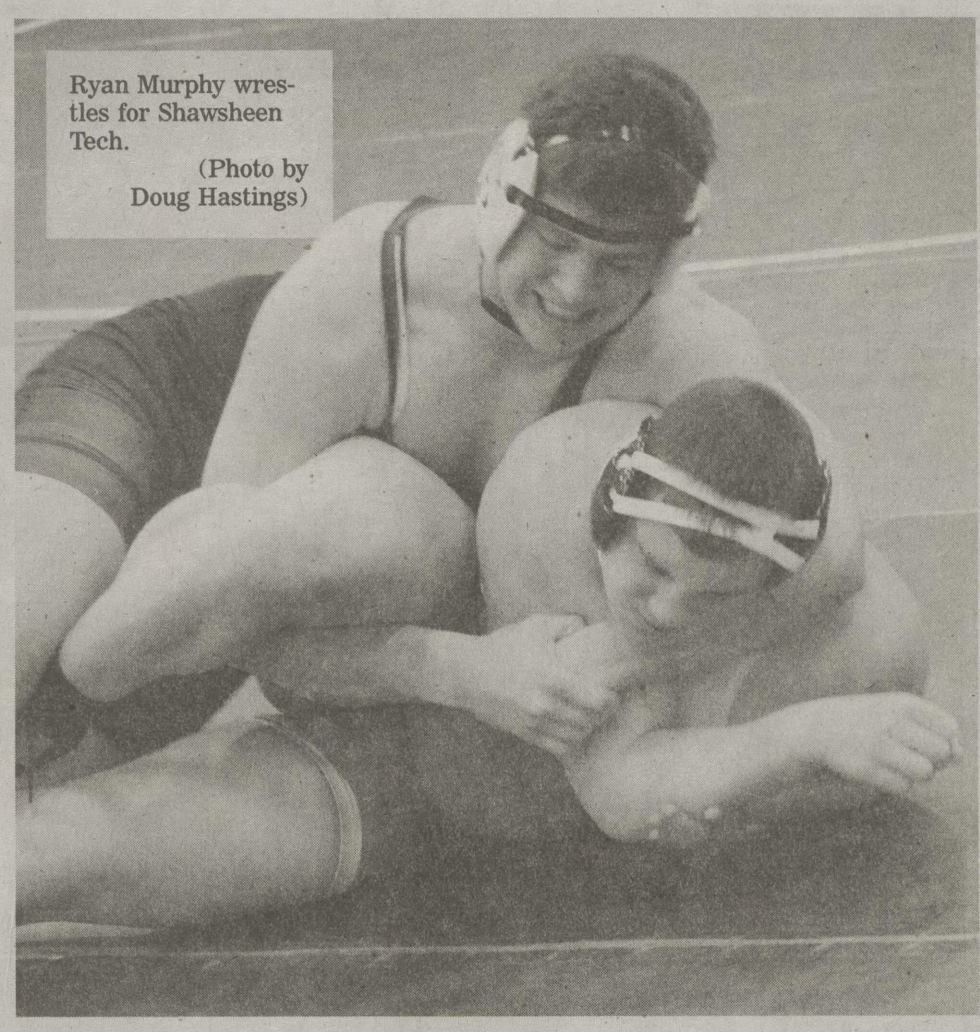

Ryan Murphy wrestles for Shawsheen Tech.
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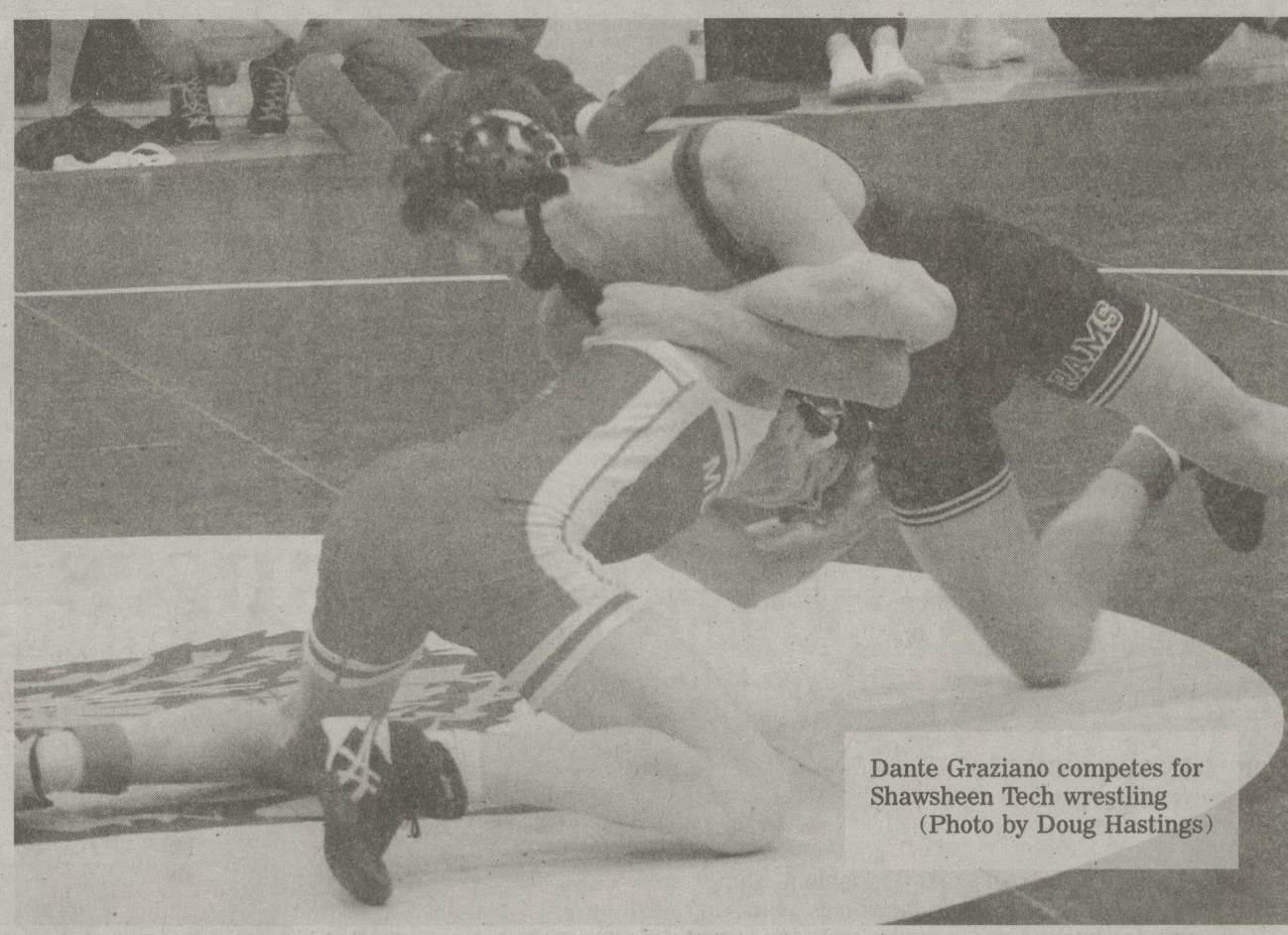
Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Wrestlers remain undefeated

Rams go 4-0 at quad meet in Milford



Dante Graziano competes for Shawsheen Tech wrestling
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

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BILLERICA — The Shawsheen Tech wrestling moved to 8-0 on the season with a clean sweep of a super-quad in Milford.

The Rams snapped the returning state champion Hawks' 40-match winning streak with a 45 to 29 victory.

Sophomore Nate Malandain and freshman Quinn Carbone picked up two huge pins for the Rams at 165 and 138 pounds, respectively.

Rounding out the day, Shawsheen beat Andover 51-18, Springfield Central 45-12 and Coventry RI, 46-15. Earlier in the week the Rams took out Chelmsford and The Blue Devils of Salem, last year's Division 1 NH state champions.

Rams who finished undefeated for the day in Milford included Sid Tildsley, Nate Malandain, James Tildsley, Caleb Caceres and Logan Holmes.

Ethan Caceres and Quinn Carbone both went 2-0 while AJ Canadas, Kyle Dube and Dom DiCenso also won matches.

In a 43-21 win over Chelmsford, Ram victories went to Ethan Caceres, Dante Graziano, Dante Guisti, Caleb Caceres, Sid Tildsley, Holmes, DiCenso, Canadas, Nate Malandain and Austin Malandain.

Shawsheen's 48-20 win over Salem, N.H. saw Ram victories from Jayden Perez, Graziano, Ryan Murphy, John Bishop, Jake Metcalfe, Nate Malandain, Caleb Caceres, James Tildsley and Sid Tildsley.

GIRLS HOCKEY SPLITS TWO

The Shawsheen Tech/Bedford High School girls hockey team isn't going to back down from a fight.

Trailing by a pair of goals early in the second period at the Hallenborg Ice Pavillion on Wednesday afternoon, the Rams (3-3-0) could have easily taken their foot off the gas in a matinee contest fresh out of the Holiday break.

But they didn't. Instead, Shawsheen/Bedford responded with a pushback of their own, scoring three power play goals in an attempt to cut into the Beverly lead. While it wasn't enough to overcome another two-goal deficit in the third period, head coach Mike Giordano commends his team's effort.

"We're a young team but we don't have any quit," he said after the 5-3 loss. "The girls work hard until the very end and give it everything they got."

Beverly got on the board at the 10:56 mark of the first period, entering the second frame outshooting the Rams on a 4-3 margin. When Olivia Baldassare scored just minutes into the second period, Shawsheen/Bedford began their fight back. The comeback started on the power play, where Sophia Babington fired a puck into the bottom left corner to cut the Beverly lead in half at the 7:30 mark. A skilled Shawsheen/Bedford power play unit excelled on Wednesday, scoring goals on three of four attempts.

"Our power play is pretty strong this year," said Giordano. "We have I think nine power play goals now already this year. Our first unit is pretty strong, we move the puck real well (with) a lot of girls that have a lot of hockey sense."

After Beverly's Asuka Keough responded with her own goal, the Rams went right back on the power play, as Anna McEachern banged home a rebound with 20 seconds remaining in the period to send the team into the final period down 3-2.

Beverly potted a pair of goals within a two-minute span midway through the third, ultimately running away with the game as time expired. Shawsheen/Bedford was able to convert one final power play goal at the 3:24 mark when Becca Sobol skated down the left faceoff dot, placing a wrist shot above the left pad for the score.

Shawsheen/Bedford goalie Elianna Munroe made 16 saves in the effort, keeping her team within striking distance for the entirety of the matchup.

"She's a senior, so we look to her to hold down the fort for us," said Giordano. "Even if we get a little sloppy in our end, we rely on her to stand tall for us."

While the Rams are in no shortage of offensive capabilities, defending their zone will be a critical factor in winning hockey games throughout the winter.

"(We need to be) a little more physical and more strong in our end," concluded Giordano.

In a 4-1 win over Lexington on Saturday, Shawsheen/Bedford did just that. Lucy Scoville scored her first career goal, while Babington, Sobol, and Alexis Fox rounded out the scoring. Macy Savage picked up three assists.

The Rams played Marblehead on Wednesday then take on Medford/Malden on Saturday.

BOYS HOCKEY AT 4-1

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team's game with Billerica on Saturday wasn't an official game on the schedule, but the contest between the Rams and Indians sure was valuable.

The annual charity game was played in front of a big crowd at Billerica's Hallenborg Rink, the home ice for both programs, and while the Rams won by a 6-1 score, the highlight of the event was what happened off of the ice.

"We did a Homeless Shelter drop off of winter items such as socks, hats, gloves and blankets in the afternoon," said Ram coach Chuck Baker. "Both teams. The game was a charity for the late PJ Cummiskey, who played for both Shawsheen and Billerica."

As for the game itself, Baker was thrilled to see his squad outscore a traditional Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League power.

"The team proved we can play at a high level up and down the roster," added Baker.

Six different players had goals against BMHS including junior Larry Cullity, sophomore Justin Thibert of Wilmington, junior Dylan Higson of Bedford, sophomore Jake Banda of Wilmington, senior Liam Milne of Wilmington and sophomore Jacoby Patterson of Billerica.

Senior Kyle Gray of Wilmington and sophomore Charlie Shannon of Billerica also found the scoresheet with assists.

Senior goalie Mike Cedrone made 14 saves and senior Nate Medieros finished up in net and turned aside four shots.

Prior to Billerica, the Rams beat Amesbury, Minuteman Regional and Rockport.

In a 7-3 win over Amesbury, scorers for Shawsheen included Higson, Patterson and senior Dom DiMambro while Thibert and senior Chase Darcey each had two goals.

Senior Derek Nazarro of Tewksbury and senior Keenan Considine of Wilmington each added assists.

Thibert had a four-point game for Shawsheen with two goals and two assists.

In a 6-0 blanking of Rockport, Cedrone had 15 saves to earn the shutout.

Goals for Shawsheen were scored by Darcey, who had two, Higson, Gray, Cullity and Patterson.

DiMambro had two assists for the Rams. Also collecting assists was Thibert, Banda, Milne, junior Cam Splaine of Wilmington and senior Roland Spengler of Tewksbury.

In an 11-1 thumping of Minuteman, Medieros and senior Matt Tramonte of Tewksbury split the netminding duties.

Scoring for Shawsheen was Jake Carr of Wilmington with three goals, Darion Considine of Wilmington with two, Thibert, Higson, Keenan Considine, Gray, junior Ben Gibbons of Wilmington and senior Eddie Peterson of Billerica.

Jake Ryan of Tewksbury and senior Colin Lawson of Billerica helped add to the offense with assists.

Shawsheen hosts Haverhill on Thursday night in Billerica before back-to-back games next week against Northeast Regional on Wednesday and Lowell Catholic next Thursday at home.

SWIMMERS UNDERWAY

The Shawsheen Tech Rams started the season in a unique way, much earlier than in years past. The squad was off and running just two weeks into practice in a "Double Dual" trimeet format swimming against both Mystic Valley and Lynn Tech.

The Mystic team left off where it started last year, a perennial Commonwealth Athletic Conference champion that has one of the best swim programs in the state qualified seven swimmers for the MIAA postseason in the first races of the year.

Lynn Tech had large numbers, but is still going through the same post-covid woes that most teams are with developing new talent.

Shawsheen actually served as a bit of a buffer which benefited all of the swimmers that day. At such an early point in the season, Shawsheen was able to match its returning swimmers against the strong MVRCS program and then allow their new athletes who will be filling out their depth as the season rolls on.

At the end of the day, the Rams lost to the MVRCS Eagles but pulled off the victory over the Lynn Tech Tigers.

Some highlights for the new start of the year was the solid effort by the returning swimmers on the Ram boys team.

Eliot Hong shaved off 8 seconds from his previous season's best time in the 100-yard breaststroke to finish second to MV and first over LT. He also dropped 3 seconds in his fly to finish third and first, respectively. Matt Kilfoyle, coming off an injury last season that required surgery, started off the season with solid performances in both the 200-yard individual medley (4th and 1st) and in the 100-yard freestyle (4th and 1st).

Harrison Kinsella also picked up where he left off from last season getting personal best times in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke taking both races in 4th and 1st place. Makayla Nolan was a shining star on the diving board, grabbing 4th and 1st for the girls side.

After starting the season 1-1, the Rams took the show on the road to Greater Lawrence and took advantage of a few more days of practice. The newcomers to the program really stepped it up and the Rams took a decisive victory home from the Reggies.

Leading the charge for the fresh faces was Noah Brooks, who placed second in Diving and Breaststroke as well as Sam Sarkissian, who took second in the 100-yard freestyle.

On the girls side, Katelyn Perkins grabbed points taking 4th in the 100 free and Sarah McLaughlin had a strong race in the 50 free.

Coming home to face the Blue Hills Warriors the Rams sat at 2-1 on the season.

The Warriors have been strong on the girls side of the pool, breaking the long 13 year Voke State Champion winning streak the Rams held onto. This year, the Warriors have matched the girls side with a very deep and talented boys team; adding some very strong first-year swimmers.

The Rams were ahead early by sweeping the diving events and taking a 13-0 lead.

After the Warriors took 1st and 3rd in the medley relay, the lead whittled down after the winning performance by Harrison Kinsella in the 200 free with Tim Niles getting a top time and taking 4th.

The 200 IM was the turning point with Blue Hills taking the sweep and the Rams disqualifying two swimmers on mental errors.

Down 31-27 going into the 50 Eliot Hong's 2nd and Tim Niles 5th weren't enough to stop the bleeding.

There was hope after Jared Krueger and Matt Kilfoyle went 1-2 with Maddy Long 4th in the fly but that was cancelled out in the 100 free as the Warriors knocked back on the door holding Kinsella to 2nd and Perkins to 5th.

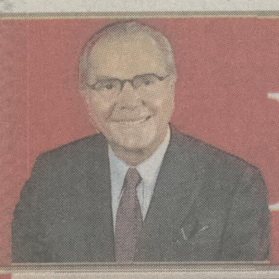
The efforts by Kilfoyle (1st) and Shea Keeley (5th) in the back along with Hong taking first and Brooks taking 3rd in the breast gave the Rams a puncher's chance headed into the last race of the day, the 400 free relay. The combined team of Kilfoyle, Kinsella, Krueger, and Hong are one of the most formidable in the league and won handily, but the Warriors hung on.

It is the first time in school history that the Rams fell to the Warriors in a head to head competition.

After being smacked in the mouth by Blue Hills, the Rams took out their frustrations on the Minuteman Mustangs, putting the win in the books by the 200 yard free relay.

The team as a whole had a much different energy about them, led by senior Jared Krueger getting a best personal score in the 1m diving. The Medley took 1st, the 200 free went 2-3-4 with Tim Niles, Sam Sarkissian, and Kate Perkins; the 200 IM went 2-3-4 with Krueger, Kilfoyle, and first year swimmer Sarah McLauglin.

The 50 went to Kinsella, the fly was 1-3-4 with Hong, Jasmine Johansen, and Sophia Ditonno. Niles, Nola, Perkins went 1-2-4 in the 100 free with Kinsella taking another victory in the 500. The Rams took both remaining relay wins and Hong and Kilfoyle went 1st in both the 100 back and 100 breast.



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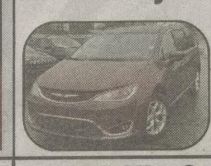

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